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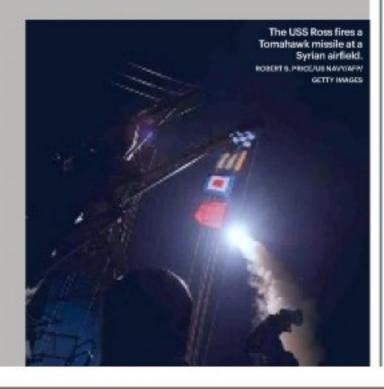
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### Out with trees, hello pavement

ENVIRONMENT

**Councillor upset** at loss of 111 trees on Anderson Rd.



A southwest Calgary councillor says the city failed to consult before making plans to cut down 111 trees along Anderson Road.

Diane Colley-Urquhart said the city already lost half of its tree canopy with the 2014 Snowtember storm.

"And then you have them ripping out the canopy out with absolutely no consultation at all," she said.

The trees along Anderson west of Elbow Drive have to go so the road can be widened from four lanes to six, in anticipation of traffic.

The city will be planting more than double the amount of trees that are being cut down. A total of 281 new poplar and spruce will be replanted.

Melanie Ducharme, spokes-

woman for the city, said workers are taking the smallest number of trees possible.

She also noted there has been ongoing consultation with community associations in the area

The trees were too old and too unhealthy to be moved, according to Ducharme. A dozen will be used to create fish habitat, and the rest will be turned into free mulch for local residents.

Although Colley-Urquhart would like the work to stop until more consultation is done, Ducharme said that won't be possible.

"The trees have to be removed now to avoid issues with nesting birds," she said.

Cecil Jahrig, past president of Wood Creek Community Association, was aware that the trees would be coming out and described it as a necessary evil.

He's OK with the fact that smaller trees will take their place.

"They will be obviously small trees, and 20 years from now when they decide they need four lanes on each side, they'll cut those trees down and the next generation will squawk about it," he said.

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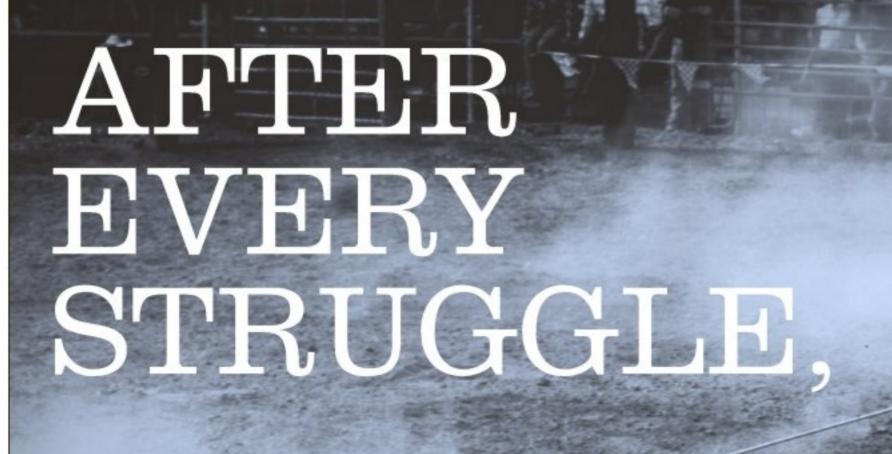
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### Beer-league team makes pitch

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### **Hope Hockey** Canada will consider its Olympic bid



Lucie Edwardson Metro | Calgary

A Calgary men's beer-league team is throwing its name in the mix with the hope that Hockey Canada will consider it to represent Canada at the next winter Olympics in South Korea.

Calgary's Canadian Citizens said after they heard that the NHL had made the decision not to allow their players to participate in the Games, the team jokingly began tossing around the idea that it would be great for some "average Joes" to represent Canada on the world stage (traditionally meant for the globe's elite athletes).

In a letter penned by Kyle Kemp, he explains he and his teammates were disappointed by the NHL's decision, but that their "division 9" beer-league team, which finished seventh this past season, would "proudly represent their country" and are "ready to make the jump to international competition."

"We've all grown up with various aspects, whether letter reads. that's ball hockey, street hockey or ice hockey - every



Calgary's very own division 9, seventh-place, beer-league team (and Olympic hopefuls), the Canadian Citizens. CONTRIBUTED

Canadian kid at one point has the lifelong dream to play hockey, right? So it'd be pretty cool."

In the letter, the Citizens said since they all already reside in Calgary, Hockey Canada would save on travel costs and training camp.

"In fact, training may not be necessary, as our current warm-ups consist of unorthodox drills like 'winded from walking to the ice,' 'the broken windmill,' and 'who hit Pat in the head?' (FYI -Pat is our goaltender)," the

The team has gained some support online, with many



people retweeting the team's letter - and most recently the team has been challenged by another beer-league team of Olympic hopefuls in Virginia known as the Cluster Pucks, made up of 15 male

and female players ranging in age from "late 20s to somewhere on either side of 50, depending on who shows up that week."

The Cluster Pucks said their pre-game rituals include "pregaming in the parking lot, some with cigarettes, most with beer or other alcoholic libations."

"Once we make it to the ice. we excel in aimlessly skating around in circles and shooting

pucks in the general direction of an open net. Sometimes we even hit it," wrote team member Aaron Risdal in response to Kemp's letter.

Kemp said the Canadian Citizens have yet to hear back from Hockey Canada, but should the opportunity to travel to South Korea in 2018 for the Olympics arise?

"I expect we'd all be there in a heartbeat," he said. "With that said we've planned a team golf tournament every summer for the last 10 years and it's fallen through every time, so you know, this might be different given the scope of things."



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#### Council to debate \$23.7M in tax room

City council will have an interesting debate on Monday — what to do with \$23.7 million in tax room left behind by the provincial government.

Administration notes that council can put the money towards "various critical initiatives" if so needed, but otherwise recommends returning it to taxpayers.

Ward 10 councillor and mayoral candidate Andre Chabot is unhappy with how the idea of tax room is framed. He said it isn't the province giving the city \$23.7 million, but rather the province is not taking that much of taxpayer's money.

"The only way we can create this \$23 million is by taxing Calgarians another \$23 million," he said.

Coun. Shane Keating said if the \$23.7 million is applied back to citizens' tax bills, it would result in a savings of about \$5 a month — money he noted could make a difference in these difficult times.

BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

#### Woman fights off attacker

Calgary police say a woman was sexually assaulted by a stranger in Penbrooke Meadows Thursday.

Around 2 p.m., a woman got on the Route 42 bus at the Marlborough LRT station. She got off the bus near 8 Avenue and 58 Street NE, and was followed by a man.

According to police, the man then forced the victim against a fence and began sexually touching her. She scratched his face and he fled.

The suspect is described as an Indigenous man in his late 20s, between 5'9" and 6' tall, wearing a grey sweater, blue jeans, a backwards red baseball cap and silver-rimmed glasses. METRO



Grade 6 students gather around plans as they create landscaping for the 4 Avenue Flyover project. COURTESY ALI MCMILLAN

### Kids seeing their park dreams become reality

CITY PLANNING

### 4th Avenue Flyover space getting revamp from Grade 6ers



Helen Pike Metro | Calgary

It's a melding of ideas, and utilization of a forgotten space under the 4th Avenue flyover — turned into a Calgary park to connect downtown to community that's come out of the mouths, or imaginations, of babes.

On Thursday, Grade 6 students from Langevin School, and master's landscape architect students from the University of Calgary. are unveiling six concepts to revamp forgotten landscaping for users travelling between Bridgeland and Riverside to the city's core.

After community members have the chance to look them over, they'll go from pencil crayon and paper to real-life structures by the end of this summer.

"For some kids it hasn't set in yet," teacher Kate Logan said. "And some of them, lights are going on, and they're saying, 'Oh my goodness, I was drawing a picture of a slide on my book, and now it's in a plan to move forward."

Of course, there were some out-there ideas, like a roller-coaster, but mostly she said students were able to come up with designs that induce play and inclusion.

"What was really neat was they actually have a lot of compassion," said Bridgeland planner Ali McMillan. "They thought a lot about sounds, and added ideas on how to make beautiful sounds in a place that has loud noise, traffic and wind."

Jen Malzer, the city's transportation engineer and project manager, said students were asked to tap into their imaginations and take on the persona of potential park users, like an elderly woman with grandkids or dog walkers.

"We've benefitted from the students." Malzer said.

But the project doesn't end here. Logan and fellow teacher Elaine McCrady said they're on to the next phase of their project: piloting some of the ideas students had in terms of tactical urbanism.

"Once the design has been decided on the kids will be involved in building and designing temporary installations," Logan said. "They're also involved in doing presentations and sharing of their work."

When pointed out that for the students, and average Calgarians, this sort of opportunity is unheard of, both agree.

"For them to see a lasting legacy," McCrady said. "It's really cool for them to know their voice can be heard within the city's level of planning."

And, of course being teachers, they're trying to figure out what's next for students and how they can continue to take ownership of the space in years to come.

PROGRA

### Five sites to offer \$25 a day child care



Lucie Edwardson Metro | Calgary

Calgary will be receiving 320 spaces in the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Centres program that caps daily fees at \$25.

Across the province, the ELCC Centres will offer nearly 1,300 affordable spaces, and according to Alberta's government, they will also "respond to a number of gaps in the existing child care system," including cost, the diverse needs of kids and flexible hours for parents.

"Too many parents have had the experience of struggling to afford quality child care for their kids," said Premier Rachel Notley. "These ELCC pilot centres will allow us to explore how affordable quality child care works to support children and families and how we can best expand this support in the years to come."

Five centres in Calgary have been awarded grants through the pilot program. They are the Thornhill Child Care Society, EvenStart Early Childhood Development Centre, Little Sundance Child Care Centre, Hillhurst-Sunnyside Day Care Centre and CFS Parent Child Learning Centre.

The spaces will cost parents \$25 a day and will include other benefits, including community partnerships, support for inclusive programming and access to parenting resources and supports for vulnerable families.

Opposition Wildrose member Jason Nixon said they will watch the pilot project closely.

"Ultimately when we're done this process we have to end up with a daycare process that works for as many Albertans as possible," said Nixon.

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Kathie Betts-Geddes and her daughter being interviewed by military historian Norm Christie during a trip to France. CONTRIBUTED

### Veteran's niece makes Vimy Ridge journey

### Woman makes journey as part of History Channel doc



Lucie Edwardson Metro Calgary

As Kathie Betts-Geddes read the names listed on the Vimy Ridge memorial in France her breath was taken away. It's where her uncle Earl, a sniper, lost his life on the first day of the bloody Vimy Ridge battle, and where her grandfather buried his brother in an unknown grave.

"They were inseparable, they did everything together, and then they went to war together," she said.

Betts-Geddes, a Calgarian, travelled to Vimy Ridge and other war memorials throughout France as part of History Channel Canada's documentary Searching for Vimy's Lost Soldiers.

The documentary will premier Sunday, marking the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. The doc follows military historian Norm Christie, his team of geophysicists, bomb disposal experts, and families of the missing soldiers on a mission to locate and recover the men of CA40 in an effort to give them the "proper commemoration they deserve."

Betts-Geddes said Christie led her and her daughter, along with representatives from four other families of soldiers considered "lost" at Vimy on a week-long trip of memorials, cemeteries and battlefield visits - each stop resonating with Betts-Geddes in different ways.

"The day we were on the battlefield it was chilly, but then you think about these men, especially from the Scottish battalions who wore their kilts in battle," she said, "And, sometimes, Norm had mentioned, they would be waist deep in mud. For me to try and envision that - you just

On another day, Betts-Geddes said they visited the Maison Blanche tunnels where up to 300 soldiers bunked at a time. She said they were there with another Alberta family, the Snelgroves who live in Vermillion, and whose ancestor had done a carving in one of the caves.

"They got to see it first of course because it's very personal and just an incredible moment for them, and so for us to see the carvings after was amazing," she said. The group also visited Notre Dame De Lorette, where a large oval rock has been erected and has more 579,000 names inscribed.

"It doesn't say if they are friend or foe," said Betts-Geddes. "Anybody who was in the war was listed. It was really beautiful, this oval - an infinite circle, no beginning, no end."





It's still unknown where Earl Betts, top, was buried by his brother on the first day of the battle of Vimy Ridge. CONTRIBUTED



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Lindsay Chadderton, general manager of Getto Boys Bar & Grill, is organizing a music festival fundraiser for Greta Marofke at the end of April. CONTRIBUTED

## Bands tune up for fight against cancer

CAUSES

Festival setup for little Greta, who needs liver transplant



Elizabeth Cameron For Metro | Calgary

When Lindsay Chadderton heard the story of a Calgary girl hoping for a last-chance liver transplant in the U.S., he felt compelled to act.

Three-year-old Greta Marofke has hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer that typically affects young children. She was ineligible for a transplant in Alberta because her chances of survival were deemed too low, but doctors at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital said they were willing to try and make it happen, against all odds.

Greta and her family have been travelling back and forth between their home in Calgary and the U.S. hospital ever since.

"The story really reached me.
I haven't even met her, but I
just felt we had to do something," said Chadderton, the
general manager at Getto Boys
Bar & Grill.

He started making calls to organize a music festival — now dubbed Guitars for Greta — in support of the family.

Thirty acts are playing the festival, which will serve up local, original music from all genres on three different stages at the bar.

In the two months since the family launched a GoFundMe to help with finances (Greta's treatment costs in the U.S. are not covered by insurance), nearly \$200,000 has been raised, and Chadderton hopes to raise an additional \$100,000 at the event.

"I pulled out all the stops, I reached out to every person I've dealt with and said 'listen, I need you guys to donate everything,' and that's what we did. Every nickel from that day will go (the family)," said



Greta Marofke. CONTRIBUTED

Chadderton.

During her last trip to Cincinnati, Greta underwent radioembolization, a process that applies intense doses of radiation directly onto a tumour.

That was 2 weeks ago, and in just 11 days, the doctors in Cincinnati will be able to determine whether a transplant is viable or not.

"Now, it's a little bit of a waiting game to see if it worked," said Greta's mother, Lindsey Marofke.

She said so far Greta's care team is realistic, but optimistic.

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The proposed CalgaryNEXT arena and fieldhouse was pitched by the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation for the Calgary's West Village. CONTRIBUTED

# Looking for CalgaryNEXT feedback

### All-or-nothing approach does not make sense: Councillor



Helen Pike Metro | Calgary

What's next in the CalgaryNEXT conversation?

Coun. Shane Keating is hoping for an elevated discourse; less all-or-nothing, no public funds, and those who argue we need an arena no matter what.

Lately talk of CalgaryNEXT has been polarizing. Mayor Naheed Nenshi declared the project was

dead. Ken King quipped back letting the public know it's not dead, just resting. This was then followed by a confusing radio appearance where King seemed to say if we don't build the new digs the Flames

might pack up and leave.

"What I want to know is what the public feeling is on that one crucial word, I feel, and that's investing," said Keating. "And to what level? Are we saying we won't even put \$100 into it?"

The Ward 12 councillor is trying to gauge where exactly public interest lies, so that municipal politicians can make informed decisions about how to strike a deal.

"There has to be some cred-

ible way of getting the public's feeling on the definition of what investing means, and what the limit is," said Keating. "It's ridiculous for us to sit here and say not one dollar is put into helping get a new arena in the city."

He added giving the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation a no-strings-attached lump sum doesn't make sense either.

Instead he sees scenarios with a loan, or a revenue sharing model.

When Metro asked for comment from Ken King about Keating's call for better public discourse, and possible loan models, there wasn't time in his schedule. Instead, CSEC pointed to a financing page on the Calgary-NEXT website.

It's ridiculous for us to sit here and say not one dollar is put into helping get a new arena.

Coun. Keating

information about the West Village plan using \$240 million from a Community Revitalization Levy, \$450 million in private investment from CSEC and \$200 mil-

lion from the city.

But if the West Village site isn't where the arena dream lands, it's unclear if using the CRL is even possible.

"It has nothing to do with the CRL," said Keating. He explained if the arena moves locales funding through the levy wouldn't be possible because it wouldn't technically be redeveloping lands, but building somewhere development is already ongoing.

### Post-secondary faculty regain right to strike

Alberta's post-secondary labourers are getting back what they'd lost somewhere in the shuffle: the right to strike.

In 2015, a Supreme Court of Canada decision reinforced the right to strike as a fundamental unionized worker right. It immediately became clear that in Alberta, where numerous working unions have had a prohibition on striking, something needed to change. But for some faculty associations, like The Faculty Association of

the University of Calgary, the transition isn't going to be a smooth one.

"Effective immediately we've lost the right to binding arbitration," said faculty president Sandra Hoenle. "If we get to a point in bargaining where a dispute can't be resolved, either side can go to arbitration - if there's an impasse now the only binding dispute resolution mechanism is a strike or a lockout. We've never had to prepare for a strike."

She noted they need time to build up funds, and create protocols, rules and processes.

The Act to Enhance Post-Secondary Academic Bargaining hasn't passed yet, but it would bring the province in line with all other Canadian provinces. It will allow academic staff associations and graduate student associations to strike, while also extending that right to postdoctoral fellows associations.

Before striking all institu-

tions must negotiate essential service agreements. And, of course, the institutions themselves will now be able to lock workers out.

After tabling Bill 7, Advanced Education Minister Marlin Schmidt said he knows the transition will take time.

"This really represents the majority of the recommendations," said Schmidt. "It reflects the general will of the stakeholders."

HELEN PIKE/METRO







Gregg Perras, centre, spokesperson for the families of murder victims Jordan Segura, Zackariah Rathwell, Kaiti Perras, Joshua Hunter and Lawrence Hong gets a hug after speaking with the media at the conclusion of the Review Board hearing in Calgary Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Mass killer vows to not relapse

A sketch of Matthew de

**Grood.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

the statement.

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I cannot express the anguish and

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anger that I feel. Our nightmare

this ... is a real-life horror.

and angry over what I have done

through my illness," he said in

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putting their families through

that agony is unconscionable.

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In his statement de Grood

said he would have sought treatment if he had known he was ill

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"It is hard for me to imagine

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### De Grood says feels the pain of victims' relatives

A Calgary man who killed five people with a knife is blaming the crimes on his mental illness and is trying to reassure the victim's families that he is getting better.

Matthew de Grood was suffering from a mental disorder when he attacked and killed Zackariah Rathwell, 21; Jordan Segura, 22; Josh Hunter, 23; Kaitlin Perras, 23, and Lawrence Hong, 27 at a house party three years ago.

The judge in the case ruled de Grood didn't appreciate his actions were wrong and was not criminally responsible.

The Alberta Review Board is determining whether de Grood, who is housed in a secure hospital, should be granted more freedom.

In a statement read by his lawyer, de Grood says he understands the pain of the families who watched his every move throughout the hearing.

"It breaks my heart that the good times that they had with their loved ones are over. They are shocked, deeply sad, fearful

**Gregg Perras** 

the decisions of the board."

Fay said de Grood had planned to read his statement but was unable to do so.

"He initially wanted to but certainly, hearing from the victims was very difficult for him. He was overwhelmed to the point where he did not think he could do so."

Several family members read victim impact statements and most were angry that they had to relive the pain of the loss just a week before the third anniversary of the deaths.

"I'm appalled to be here today," said Gregg Perras. "I cannot express the anguish and anger that I feel. Our nightmare continues every day and days like this ... is a real-life horror."

Patty Segura said the justice system has made her feel invisible.

"What right does Matthew de Grood have to do this severe damage? They were all good kids," Segura said. "My future is gone."

The family members also made a statement outside of court.

"We are now three years into this journey and are unwilling participants in a process that to us, makes little sense and only adds to our nightmare," said Perras.

"We hold on to the hope that our involvement in the review board process will bring some healing and that our voices will be heard, but regrettably, that is not our experience. This review process only derails our healing."

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### Income support claims 'skyrocketing'

**SOCIAL SERVICES** 

**Professor says** provincial agencies in 'dire straits'



"Skyrocketing" is a strong

word, but it's exactly what the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy is using to describe the rising number of income support caseloads in Alberta.

According to data from the province, the number of claimants has soared since 2006. when the province was at a low of 24,205 cases, to a peak in January of 54,374.

"It's really remarkable that it's been that big of a change,

and I think it's a sign of just how deep the recession has been - and how much it's really impacting people on the low-end of the income scale," said Ron Kneebone, a professor with U of C's School of Public Policy.

Provincially-funded income supports are made available when other streams of assistance, such as Employment Insurance, run out.

He said the provincial gov-

ernment should be increasing funding for agencies that provide Albertans with income and social supports.

"(They're) in pretty dire straits," Kneebone said. "They are now on the last part of the social safety net. After this, there's nothing."

He said the rise in cases indicates social assistance agencies will be facing even greater demand on already-stretched resources.

For the past two years, the Calgary Urban Planning Society (CUPS), which provides assistance to low-income families and children in Calgary with a focus on health, education and housing, has seen a 10 per cent increase in claimants annually.

That represents an additional 1,000 Albertans a year.

"It's very, very busy and challenging, of course," said Cheryl Lemieux, senior director at CUPS.

She said the majority of people coming in need crisis emergency funding, "basically to prevent them from falling into homelessness or back into it again."

The non-profit has to refer people to other agencies regularly, according to Lemieux.

"It's pretty tough, we only have so much money per month to give out ... from a human service perspective, it's devastating," she said.



Minister of Status of Women Stephanie McLean kicked off the spring tour in Edmonton on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

### Initiative pushes for gender parity in politics

(It's) not good

enough, because

women are half of

the population.

Stephanie McLean

The #ReadyForHer tour is taking a second lap in its push to get more women to run for band councils, municipal office and public school boards in Alberta.

On Thursday, the province announced a spring tour for the initiative, which encourages and helps prepare women in Alberta to run for office.

With a municipal election on Oct. 16, it's time to start hitting the campaign trail.

"Nearly a quarter of Alberta's towns and cities don't even have

a single woman on their council. I imagine there must be no women in those communities," said Minister of Status of Women Stephanie McLean. speaking at a

campaign school event hosted by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's (PSBAA) Campaign School in Edmonton.

"(It's) not good enough, because women are half of the population."

While more than half of Alberta's school trustees are women, on average, they only account for 26 per cent of council seats. Calgary has two

woman councillors; Edmonton has one.

Several panel discussions will be held across the province for women considering a run to ask questions and for mentors to share their personal experiences in public office.

Arlene Hrynyk, president of the PSBAA, said now is the time for a new generation of women to throw their hat in the polit-

"We know many women currently holding seats on school

> boards and municipal councils will choose not to seek re-election in the fall," Hrynyk said.

> "Our campaign school is intended to encourage candidates across this

province to consider filling seats for this important service, while equipping them with the tools to run a successful campaign."

McLean said #ReadyForHer will be launching a campaign how-to video series that will include 'insider tips' from Premier Rachel Notley and the federal Minister of Status of Women Maryam Monsef.

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# Remake of Stephen King's It just isn't making city's clowns smile

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### Errie franchise is harmful for business say the pros



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

Calgary clowns aren't turning any frowns upside down over the new movie trailer for Stephen King's It.

When the trailer launched last week, it broke the single day record for most watched online trailer, with 197 million global views.

Local clowns hate it.

"Kids, they soak this stuff up," said Hamlet the Clown (also known as Kirk Miles). "They start getting scared of clowns, they tell their mothers they're scared of clowns. I've gotten calls asking me not to wear the clown costume – asking me to do the circus skills. You're either in for the clown, or you're not, as far as I'm concerned."

Hamlet, who's been clowning for 25 years, said the original It miniseries, starring Tim Curry as Pennywise the clown, has incited fear in kids and adults since it released in 1990 – which, of course, costs him business.

Last year, he saw problems arise from the Creepy Clown



Calgary clowns say it has been hurting his business since the original 1990 miniseries – now the new movie could turn a whole new generation of clowns. COURTESY WARNER BROS

sightings across North America, and now It is piling onto the fears.

And Hamlet doesn't even wear full clown makeup – he performs in a European style, with the red nose a bit of makeup around the cheeks.

Rainbow the Clown, on the other oversized hand, wears the full gear. He's never seen the old version of It, and doesn't intend to see the new one, but is well versed in showing up to a party where the kids are already afraid of him. One time he showed up to a birthday—the entrance was down a set of stairs—and Rainbow was unlucky enough to head down directly behind two young girls.

"The girls are just screaming

their heads off," he recalled. "They had me then go upstairs. They wanted the girls downstairs, but they were smart. They knew I was going to end up down there eventually, and didn't want to go down."

Luckily for Rainbow, who has 22 years of professional experience, he's an old rainbow hat at calming kids down. The trick, he says, is keeping distances. Any good clown will keep their distance if someone is nervous or afraid. The girls stayed at the back of the room, Rainbow was at the front, entertaining, and throwing them the occasional smile.

As the other kids were laughing and clapping, pretty soon the girls were up there clam-



Kids start getting scared of clowns, they tell their mothers they're scared of clowns. I've gotten calls asking me not to wear the clown costume.

Hamlet the Clown

ouring for more with the rest of them. It's just one of many techniques Rainbow incorporates. He also clowns at Calaway Park, and one of his favourite things to do with a scared child is act shy.

"The kids think that's ridiculous, that I'm afraid of them," said Rainbow. "Usually that helps warm them up."

Hamlet explained that clown makeup was never meant to be intimidating. It comes from circus days, before there were TVs to show performers faces, the clown makeup and oversize costume pieces were made so that every expression was over-exaggerated — and even people at the back of the audience could tell what was going on.

While It is on the fast track to become a horror blockbuster, Hamlet and Rainbow hope Calgarians remember that clowns are awesome and often ridicu-



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### Boy meets Calgary Comic Expo

### Shawn and Eric fly down in first Calgary Expo appearance

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#### WILL FRIEDLE

It's not often one actor gets to embody a role for seven years, but Will Friedle essentially grew up playing Eric Matthews on Boy Meets World.

"My favourite thing about Eric as a whole was they he was essentially a living, breathing cartoon character," Friedle laughed. "You couldn't go too big, but he still had that heart."

Friedle comes to Calgary Comic Expo this year known the impact Boy Meets World had on a generation of kids - because he feels the show never talked down to its audience.

#### BATMAN

While mostly known for his work on the show, Friedle also gained fame through voice work on shows like Kim Possible, Transformers and - notably - Batman Beyond.

He joins actors like Michael Keaton, Christian Bale and Kevin Conroy (who voiced Bat-

man in the original animated series) who have uttered the line. "I'm Batman."

"Any time you can tell people you're Batman and not be lying is pretty neat," Friedle said. "It was tough though, as I was sitting next to Kevin Conroy, who will always be my Batman. When you're sitting next to vou're Batman.

that's some pretty big shoes to fill. So it was certainly a special experience in my life."

#### **GROWING UP**

While a generation watched Eric grow on Boy Meets World, Friedle's biggest influences as a child were legendary car-

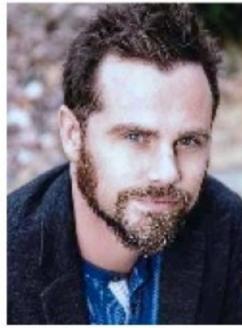


him, and saying Will Friedle. courtesy twitter

toons like Thundercats and Transformers.

To his great delight, Friedle has voiced characters on remakes of many of the shows he watched as a kid.

Except Cobra Commander. He would really like to voice Cobra Commander one day.



Rider Strong. COURTESY TWITTER

#### RIDER STRONG

It's not often one actor gets to embody a role for seven years, but Rider Strong essentially grew up playing Shawn Hunter on Boy Meets World.

"To be honest, I hated playing the same character for so long," he said. "My teenage ado-

lescence and discomfort with myself came out. I wanted to be an actor on a different show, doing different things.

"In retrospect, of course it was a great opportunity, and the writers were so great writing to our strengths as

Strong comes to Calgary Comic Expo this year knowing the impact Boy Meets World had on a generation of kids - because he feels it told kids to take their lives seriously, no matter how young they are.

#### POLITICS

While mostly known for his work on the show, in 2008 Strong became the first person to act and produce a political ad that aired on Comedy Central, in support of then presidential-candidate Barack Obama.

He said now, more than ever, people need to be politically aware.

"It's incredible to be that I just took for granted our country was moving in a more positive direction, and now we've seen how wrong we were," he said. "I think we're at a dangerous point - we're essentially veering toward a constitutional

#### **GROWING UP**

While a generation watched Shawn grow on Boy Meets World, one of Strong's biggest influences as a child was working on his first sitcom Julie with Julie Andrews.

"She immediately was the sweetest, nicest person. Took me under her wing and we had a lot of fun," Strong said. "I looked up to her. I loved her, I genuinely loved her."

Edwards, a legendary director, was a bit grumpy and not adept and working on a multicamera TV show.

But for the Strong, the experience marked the beginning of a lifelong career.



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Christine Harvey gets her celebration on for the Kinkonauts 10 year anniversary. AARON CHATHA / METRO

### Working out kinks

COMEDY

### Kinkonauts celebrate 10 years with first improv festival



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

The Kinkonauts are almost like Calgary's scrappy version of the Avengers — their lineup changes up a lot, but for the last decade they've always provided a laugh in dark times.

Here's the origin story: 10 years ago, four youths realized they had the superhuman ability to make people giggle with glee. After (we assume) a heated debate about whether to use their powers for good or evil, they found a basement underneath a 17 Ave Boston Pizza to call their headquarters.

I mean, there was a dude living there who rented the space out to them to perform improv shows, but hey, not every group has a Tony Stark to bankroll them.

"It used to be a vault in the 60s or 70s, so they got rid of the vault but kept the door. It was super weird," recalled Owen Chan, founding Kinkonaut.

"We did a show once where there was a dog locked in the back room, because the guy who lived there was out of town for the night. We started like any other improv group — sketchy shows in sketchy places."

Eventually, they started up the ladder to bigger and less sketchy locations, and realized they needed new recruits in the battle against boredom, so the Kinkonauts started teaching classes. Other than Loose Moose theatre, the Kinkonauts were one of very few schools of improv in Calgary.

They've had a lot of victories, but also a few defeats — over the years, they lost all but one of their founding members, and a few months ago they even lost their stage space.

But on the eve of the 10-year anniversary, things are looking up for the Kinkonauts.

They've found a new, permanent location, with dedicated classroom space, in Inglewood.

"It's a bunch of people you would never think would hang out together," laughed current Kinkonaut Christine Harvey, commenting on how the current cast comes from ages and walks of life.

They're also turning the anniversary into a three-night festival with five shows, that will reunite all of the original Kinkonauts. It's kind of like a Power Ranger reunion, except the Red Kinkonaut never went to jail for stabbing someone.

There will be a night of improvised Clue, and team up Paper St. Theatre from Victoria for a night of film-noir improv.

Dubbed the Reactor Improv Festival, it takes place from April 13 to 15. For more information, check out www. kinkonauts.com. WEEKEND EVENTS

### Shoes, craft fair, music and soap stars

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- Wine, Women and
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- Make It!

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SATURDAY
- Corinthian

Calgary musician Corinthian hosts a new workshop as the National Music Centre's artistin-residence.

He'll be producing a new collection of electronic recordings, which he'll show off at the workshop, juxtapose against cinematic visuals. He explores themes of urban sprawl and defying stereotypes.

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### Canada 150 Mosaic unveiled

ART

### Woodlands school students, staff represent Calgary



Jennifer Friesen For Metro | Calgary

As a birthday gift to Canada, Lewis Lavoie is giving the country 80,000 painted portraits.

Or, to put it more accurately, he's giving the country one mural that's made of 150 other murals that are made of 80,000 hand-painted tiles.

The Canada 150 Mosaic project spans coast-to-coast, with each mural telling the story of the communities they were made.

As one-third of the Mural Mosaic team, the Prince Albertbased artist came to Calgary on Thursday to witness the unveiling of Calgary's mosaic, made by artists as well as the students and staff at Woodlands School.

Woodlands School was chosen to represent the city in this project, and was funded by the school council and a grant from the federal government.

"Every child in this school painted a tile," said Woodlands School principal Sheryl Highet. "It's been so dynamic, and they're all so passionate and so proud to be Canadian. It's been great, we really did this together."

Made up of 400 four-inch by four-inch tiles, Calgary's mosaic depicts a cowboy leaning against the Calgary Tower — one foot in a ski and the other in a cowboy boot. But, with a closer look, there are nods to the Stampede, the Flames and the zoo.

"It's all about diversity," said Lavoie. "In each community we go to, we try to find the DNA of that community and really try to get them to paint that into it."

Every completed mural is based on the concept of a railroad, with wheels at the base of every piece to create a link from community to the next. If the entire mural was ever connected, it would span more than four football fields.

"Canada was really founded on this railroad concept — good and bad," said Lavoie. "So we want to use that as a healing thing now."



Artist Lewis Lavoie joined students Nicholas Auld, left, and April Malcolm at Woodlands School for the unveiling of the school's Canada 150 Mosaic project. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

PINCHER CREE

### Accused arrested for third time

A man accused in a shooting incident that led to a February standoff with RCMP in Pincher Creek, Alta., has been arrested for a third time.

Dewey Todd Starzyk, 53, was arrested at a home in Coleman, Alta., on Sunday after police received information about a robbery that took place during the first week of February in Pincher Creek.

Starzyk now faces charges of robbery with a firearm, carrying a weapon while committing an offence, uttering death threats and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking as well as three charges for failing to comply with his conditions.

Following his original arrest in February, Starzyk was commanded to abide by a number of conditions that included a curfew.

He was arrested again on March 6 when RCMP allege they pulled him over driving at 10 p.m., and allege they found a small amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia in his possession.

Starzyk has been remanded to custody and will appear in court on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### 'People want hope'

David Miller talks to Metro about how people in cities can save the environment



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It's easy to feel hopeless and overwhelmed by the environmental challenges our planet is facing.

From stopping climate change to protecting endangered species, the tasks are daunting.

But that doesn't mean it's time to give up.

Everyone has the power to make a difference — in many cases right in their own backyards.

It's one of the key messages David Miller, president and CEO of World Wildlife Fund Canada, spreads every chance he gets.

Because, as he puts it, "people want hope."

"They really want to be part of something and know what they can do to make a change," he said.

"There's an incredible thirst for this."

Miller dropped by Metro's offices to talk about the environmental threats we're facing and what can be done.

#### TREES

The urban canopy matters for biodiversity, animals, birds and people.

It's "extremely important" to provide shade and cool the "urban heat island" that is the concrete jungle.

"There is a beauty and a majesty in trees that speaks to your soul in an urban environment," Miller said.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

People need to be inspired "to do their part," said Miller, and protecting and restoring the urban canopy needs to become a priority in cities across the country.

Think before you cut down a tree in your backyard and plant native trees on your own property where possible.

"When someone wants to cut down a tree in a neighbourhood and people come out en masse, that feeling needs to happen collectively," he said.

#### WILDLIFE

Miller warned of a "looming crisis in wildlife" that we're not paying attention to.

While we've been focused on climate change, two thirds of the world's population of wildlife could be gone by 2020 due to factors like deforestation.



David Miller has made his own lifestyle changes to become more environmentally friendly. PHOTOS: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

"This is a really serious situation and it hasn't gotten nearly the attention it deserves," he said.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Luckily, "nature has the capacity to rebuild if we let it," said Miller.

Globally, this might mean supporting conservation efforts for animals like the Siberian Tiger or the Snow Leopard.

But you can also make a difference in your own backyard or on your condo balcony.

Planting native species is one way to preserve biodiversity in an urban landscape.

WWF-Canada has programs such as In the Zone Gardens, to help with this.

"If you plant something that helps a relatively small species thrive in an urban area, you're made a real difference." Miller said.

"Not everything is a panda but they all matter."

#### **POWER OF CITIES**

Canadian cities have been leaders on climate change, Miller said, and "we shouldn't lose sight" of all the successes.

While provinces and the feds often talk to each other on climate change and other issues, "cities aren't seen as partners," Miller said.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Talk to your neighbours and

### **WALKING THE WALK How Miller stays green**



He doesn't drink bottled water and plants native species in his garden.



He uses Bullfrog Power electricity and gas at home, which uses methane gas from landfills.



He and his wife have sold their car and walk or take transit instead.



Miller tries to take the train when he can and avoids flying out of Billy Bishop Airport, which he called "a park masquerading as an airport."

#### THIS WEEKEND CLIMB THE STAIRS

WWF-Canada hosts its annual CN Tower Stair Climb for Nature this weekend.

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take a community approach when it comes to gardening and planting native species — "act collectively," said Miller.

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### Students place in top 20 at Harvard debates



A group of Calgary high school students are thrilled following a positive showing at an international debate competition at the prestigious World Schools Harvard Debate Championships.

Sunint Bindra, a Grade 11 student from Sir Winston Churchill High School, said the experience was everything he could have

hoped for, because it brought "the best of the best" to one competition.

"It's the epitome of the debate world, the Harvard world, and international tournaments." he said.

The Churchill team, made up of five "heavily-medalled veteran debaters" fared quite well on the international stage — up against he likes of Team USA, Team Mexico, Team Peru and more.

"We placed 20th as a team, and all of our members had very good stats, placing us all in the top 100," he said, adding that one member didn't compete in enough rounds to make the cut.

Bindra said for weeks in advance the team would prepare after school with their coaches, and at the actual competition they receive their topic and then are given one hour to prepare.

"We're not allowed any sort of technologies or tools, it's just us and our brains," he said.

Topics included: this house regrets the accelerating democratization of journalism, this house would ban cash, this house would implement a robot tax.

Churchill debate coach, Darren Kiziak, said tournaments like this improve a student's skills when they come up across "world class debaters," and cultivates critical thinking skills.

"That's really helpful in the real world and I think it's a really important skill," he said. "It also keeps them aware of current events and what's going on and that's important, too."



Saintanik, a Calgary horrorcore hip-hop artist, is set to open for Insane Clown Posse at the first annual Weekend of the Juggalos. "I didn't choose to be a Juggalo, you're just born this way. I was just born to be different." AUTUMN FOX/FOR METRO

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Saintanik

### **Insane Clown** Posse brings peace, love and clowns to city

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Calgary, get your face paint out and prepare to see a lot of clowns around; the Juggalo Weekend is here.

While this isn't quite The Gathering, the Juggalo Weekend is the first ever event of

its kind in Canada, with Insane Clown Posse (ICP) headlining two shows, supported by a roster of all-star artists like Ice-T. Swollen Mem-

bers, Onyx and The 2 Live Crew. The weekend is partly the brainchild of Kalman Goudkuil, founder of True Rhythm, a

Calgary-based events company. Goudkuil said the annual event, which is being held at Marquee Beer Market and Stage, "follows the blueprints of the United States gatherings," and, in addition to the amazing lineup, features Juggalo championship wrestling, circus acts and carnival rides.

And Faygo. Lots and lots of

Over 1,000 litres of Faygo the preferred pop of Juggalos and Juggalettes - was sprayed from the stage at the last ICP show in Calgary.

"There's a good inch or two on the ground, so if you don't want to go home feeling squishy, bring an extra pair of shoes," said Saintanik, a local hip-hop horrorcore artist.

Swollen Members are coheadlining on Friday night their first time sharing the stage in several years.

"There's a genuine air of authentic excitement that we're getting back, and most people

who know me would tell you that you almost need one of those Vaudevillian canes to pull me off the stage, so I'm really looking

forward to getting back with the crew," said Swollen Members MC Prevail.

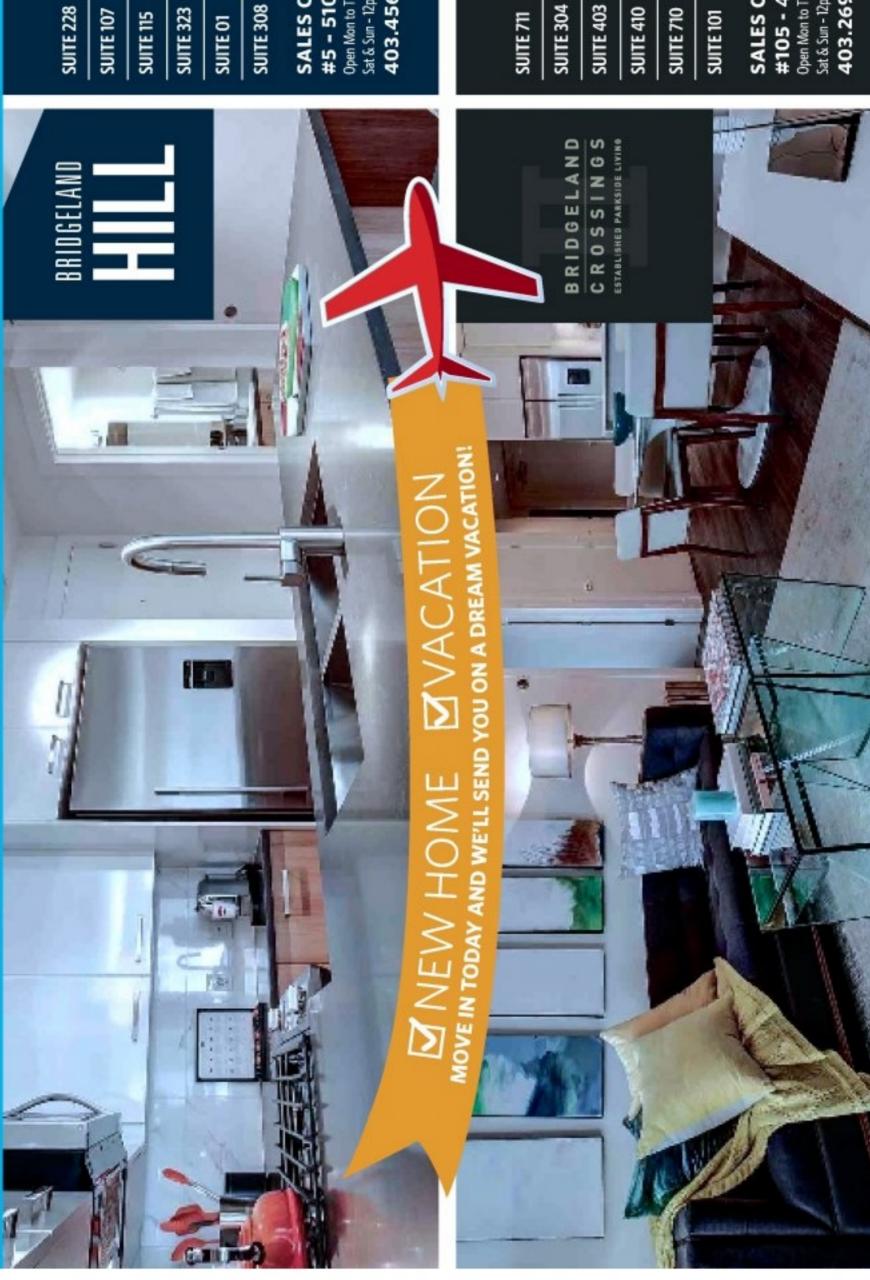
He said it's no mistake Calgary was chosen for this event. "tipping his hat" to ICP for building such a prevalent and devoted fan base in and around the city.

Saintanik, who has been a Juggalo since age 13, said, "It's going to be insane, intense, an epic weekend. It's just a lot of love and respect."



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EQUALITY SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during the Women In The World Summit at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday in New York City, getty images

### Beyak bemoans 'threat' to free speech

**POLITICS** 

### Senator booted from committee due to comments

Sen. Lvnn Bevak savs her removal from the Senate's committee for Indigenous people is "a threat to freedom of speech," and claims she is supported by a "silent majority" of Canadians.

The Conservative party leadership booted Beyak from the Senate Committee of Aboriginal Peoples on Wednesday, stating that her controversial speech last month

about an "abundance of good" in the country's widely maligned residential school system doesn't jibe with the Tory position.

In a statement Thursday, Beyak bemoaned how it is becoming "difficult" to have a "balanced, truthful discussion" about all issues in Canada.

"Political correctness is stifling opinion and thoughtful conversation that we must be allowed to have if we are to truly improve our great country," the statement said.

"Too often, on a broad range of issues, a vocal minority cries foul and offence whenever a point of view is raised that does not align with their own."

She also claimed that, based

on expressions of support she has received, she will continue to represent the "majority" of Canadians in the Senate.

Meanwhile, in the foyer of the House of Commons. New Democrat MPs denounced Beyak's latest statement. Romeo Saganash, a Cree MP from Quebec who attended residential school, repeated his call for her to resign her Senate seat.

"Any person that celebrates genocide, because this was genocide, has no place either in Parliament of the Senate," he said. "Removing her from the committee is not enough. She needs to resign, and the sooner the better.'

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How to protect your cellphone data on Parliament Hill



Ryan Tumilty Metro Ottawa

News Parliament Hill and other downtown areas have been the target of cellphone tracking technology should encourage people to use encrypted apps to keep their private information private, experts say.

The CBC reported this week the discovery of three IMSI catcher devices operating in the downtown area. The machines could potentially be used to intercept phone calls and texts.

The devices mimic cellphone towers and essentially fool mobile phones into connecting to them.

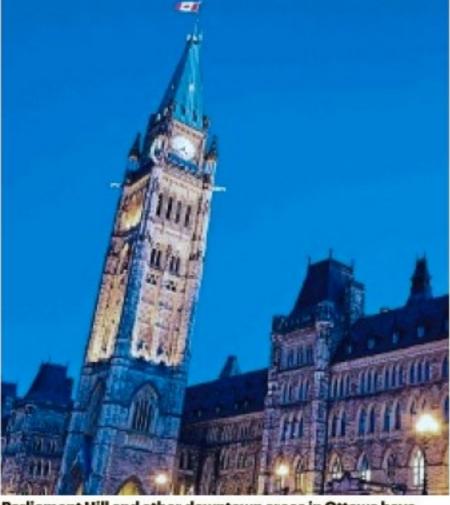
Nathan Freitas, is the director of the Guardian Project, an initiative that offers open-source tools to protect privacy. He's also a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. He said the catchers are fairly easy to acquire and can be used to listen to calls, read texts and implant malware on mobile phones.

"For \$2,000 anyone can get a laptop-sized device that is a cell tower that will operate as an actual cell tower," he said.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said this week that the RCMP and CSIS confirmed to him that they were not using the devices. He said the agencies are now investigating.

Freitas suggested that those who want to keep what's on their cellphones away from prying eyes and ears should consider using encrypted messaging apps like Signal and the most recent version of WhatsApp, which he himself uses even for routine communications with his wife.

"Everything we say, whether



Parliament Hill and other downtown areas in Ottawa have been the target of cellphone tracking technology. CONTRIBUTED

It's not about spycraft and secrecy, it's about making sure the conversation you and I are having is between you and I. Nathan Freitas

it's shopping for milk or organizing date night, is encrypted," he said. "It's not about spycraft and secrecy, it's about making sure the conversation you and I are having is between you and I."

He said that, just as information on the internet became more secure over time, the security of mobile communications must tighten up.

"There was a time on the internet when we only encrypted credit cards, and now we encrypt everything," he said. "We need to do that for mobile phones as well."

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The government has not issued any specific warnings or instructions to Hill staff, but Scott Bardsley, Goodale's press secretary, said confidential or secret information is not shared over phones.

"It's been publicly known before this incident that cellphones are not secure."





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### Damage to ice cores a 'shock'



Alex Boyd Metro Edmonton

When glaciologist Martin Sharp walked into one of the freezers custom built for the world's largest collection of Canadian ice cores, it felt like a steam room.

"I think every ice core facility on the planet has the same nightmare — that something like this will happen," he said.

Due to what University of Alberta officials are calling a

"freezer failure," the temperature inside the facility rocketed into the 40s on Sunday, up from the -30 C or so required to keep the ancient ice cores frozen, Sharp said.

Now 12.8 per cent of the cores - some of which can't be replaced - have been damaged, less than three months after the U of A took possession of the national collection.

"For this to happen so soon after we moved the ice in, it's a total shock," said Sharp, who is a professor in the department of Earth and Atmospheric Sci-

Ice cores are some of the best records scientists have of ancient climates, and Sharp said the "major hit" was to some of the oldest cores.

The damage includes 15 metres of a sample drilled from Mount Logan, which represented 16,000 years of time.

Another core taken from the Penny Ice cap included ice that would have been part of a large ice sheet covering North America 22,000 years ago.

Still, he said it could have been much worse.

### That Pepsi ad doesn't work so well in real life



Andrew Fifield Metro Toronto

Kendall Jenner's rightly and mercilessly mocked Pepsi ad was taken for a real-life spin this week, and it did not go well at all.

A man who identified himself as Carlos Enriquez appeared before city council in Portland, Mass. Wednesday to comment on the protests over treatment of the homeless and the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old Quanice Derrick Hayes.

"I'm a former journalist for the Boston Herald," the man said, which is a claim the Boston Herald has denied. "I'm very surprised at how there's so many people who show up to city council and get angry at you and yell at you," he continued.

Mayor Ted Wheeler cut him off insisting that his comments must be about a towing ordinance currently before council.

But the man stood up and



A man who identified himself as Carlos Henriquez speaks to city council in Portland, Mass. before trying out that pulled Pepsi ad himself. CONTRIBUTED approached the mayor while reaching inside his jacket.

"What I realized is that the language of resistance has not been properly translated to you, so this is for you," he said before pulling out a can of Pepsi to offer the council members, who appeared visibly shaken.

"Whoa, whoa, not a good move. Not a smart move," Mayor Wheeler said as he accepted the can. The man is not expected to face any charges.

VIDEO ON THE METRO APP



In this photo provided by the U.S. Navy, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ross departs Rota, Spain, on March 29, 2017. The U.S. fired a barrage of cruise missiles into Syria Thursday night, the first direct American assault on the Syrian government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### U.S. blasts Syria base with missiles

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### Sixty Tomahawk missiles launched

The United States has attacked a Syrian air base with roughly 60 cruise missiles in response to a chemical weapons attack it blames on President Bashar Assad.

U.S. officials said the Tomahawk missiles were fired from two warships in the Mediterranean Sea, targeting a governmentcontrolled air base in Syria.

U.S. officials say Syrian government aircraft killed dozens of civilians by using chlorine mixed with a nerve agent, possibly sarin, earlier this week.

The bombing represents President Donald Trump's most dramatic military order since taking office.

"It is in this vital national security interest of the United States to prevent and deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons," Trump said in a statement released Thursday night.

President Bashar Assad's government came under mounting international pressure Thursday after a chemical attack in northern Syria, with even key ally Russia saying its support is not unconditional. Turkey, meanwhile, said samples from victims of Tuesday's attack, which killed more than 80 people in the town of Khan Sheikhoun, indicate they were exposed to sarin, a highly toxic nerve agent.

Syria maintains it didn't use chemical weapons, blaming opposition fighters for stockpiling the chemicals. Russia's Defence Ministry said the toxic agents were released when a Syrian airstrike hit a rebel chemical weapons arsenal and munitions factory on the eastern outskirts

of Khan Sheikhoun.

The surprise strike marked a reversal for Trump, who warned as a candidate against the U.S. getting pulled into the Syrian civil war, now in its seventh year. But the president appeared moved by the photos of children killed in the chemical attack. "Even beautiful babies were cruelly murdered in this very barbaric attack. No child of God should ever suffer such horror." Trump said in a statement.

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About 60 U.S. Tomahawk missiles targeted an air base in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack that American officials believe Syrian government aircraft launched with a nerve agent, possibly sarin.

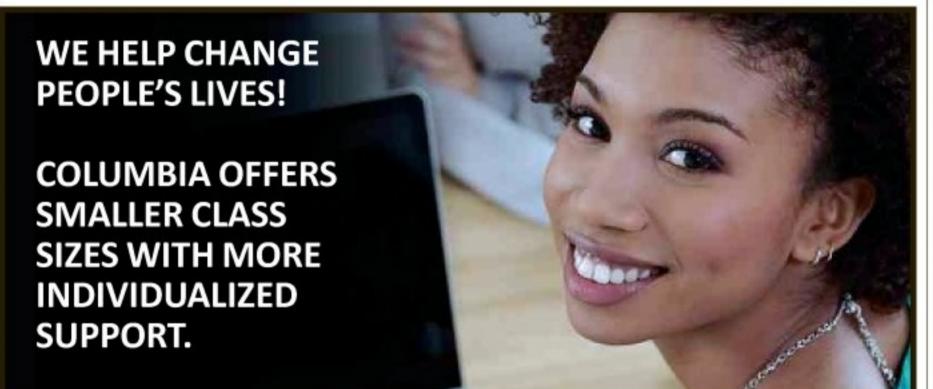
The president did not announce the attacks in advance, though he and other national security officials ratcheted up their warnings to the Syrian government throughout the day Thursday. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Assad should no longer have a role in governing the Syrian people.

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### CANADA

Speaking earlier Thursday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offered little hint about Canada's role in any effort to remove the Syrian president. Yet he expressed horror over this week's attack, which killed more than 80 people.

"This is a war crime and the international community must stand firmly against such things," Trudeau said Thursday. "We condemn in the strongest of terms (these) heinous against civilians, children, by chemical weapons." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### High stakes as Chinese president arrives

President Donald Trump welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping to his Florida estate Thursday for a high-stakes summit, with the urgent threat of North Korea's nuclear ambitions and tensions over trade on the agenda for the first in-person meeting between the leaders of the world's two largest economies.

Xi and his wife were greeted by the president and first lady Melania Trump at the Mar-a-Lago estate before making their way to dinner. The White House said the



President Donald Trump shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

location was selected to give the two days of discussions a more relaxed feel, but the meeting kicked off amid suggestions the Trump administration was considering military action against Syria as it deliberated on how to respond to a chemical attack.

Still, Trump appeared lighthearted as he greeted Xi, gesturing and pointing to journalists as they tussled to get a shot of the two leaders together for the first time. Speaking to reporters on Air Force One on his way

to the summit, Trump said he thinks China will "want to be stepping up" in trying to deter North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

While Trump would not say what he wants China to do specifically, he suggested there was a link between "terrible" trade agreements the U.S. has made with China and Pyongyang's provocations.

The president has said that if China doesn't exert more pressure on North Korea, the U.S. will act alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

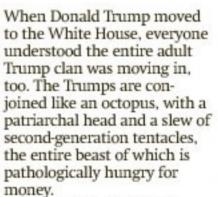


Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump, are seen in support of their father Donald Trump during the presidential campaign, GETTY IMAGES

### Trump's many tentacles

When he was elected president, we all knew his adult children were part of the deal.

### ROSEMARY WESTWOOD From the U.S.



It was quaint of Trump, before he took office, to offer up a theatrical presentation of piles of papers and folders to convince Americans and the world that Trump's entire business would be legally excised from him during his presidency.

It was quaint, too, of Ivanka Trump to claim that, after modelling her entire life after her father's predilections and the enlargement of the Trump brand, she'd keep out of his business just as that business became taking on the most powerful position in the world. We knew both were lying, the way we know the sun will come up tomorrow. But now there's proof.

ProPublica revealed this week that Trump's trust documents have been amended to allow him to withdraw money from his businesses any time he likes, with no need to tell anyone. Trump's lawyer responded that Trump has never not been allowed to withdraw money, even though that stipulation was left out of a version of the trust widely scrutinized in late January. The full details of the trust are contained in a document that won't be released, ProPublica reported.

Oversight of Trump's fi-

nances, and therefore his conflicts of interest, remains

paltry, given that he still hasn't released his tax returns. His bet that enough people wouldn't care whether he's seeking to enrich himself as president seems to continue to pay off, if only partly because the administration is engulfed in so many simultaneous controversies that this most basic one - who is he really working for? - has been obscured.

Ivanka, meanwhile, has decided to become an unpaid employee in the West Wing, an "assistant to the president," with an office and an amorphous goal to influence her father's agenda on "women's empowerment" (as she told CBS). She's going to exert her special powers on an administration hell-bent on destroying the planet, defunding Planned Parenthood, gutting health care, and, simultaneously, making the Trumps richer.

"If being complicit is wanting to be a force for good and to make a positive impact, then I'm complicit," she said, before admitting: "I don't know what it means to be complicit."

Quite. But complicit might as well be the name of our Trumpian octopus. Or, perhaps, nepotism. As Eric Trump pointed out helpfully this week, nepotism is a "factor of life." For evidence, see son-inlaw Jared Kushner, "senior advisor to the president," whose foreign diplomacy efforts have sent him to Iraq and saddled him with a Middle East peace deal. Meanwhile, Trump's sons are busy expanding the hotel business domestically and abroad, for which U.S. taxpayers are forking over millions of dollars in secret service detail costs. When you get the one, you get them all.

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### former PM Mulroney

Prime Minister Trudeau and his cabinet praised former prime minister Brian Mulroney for giving them useful advice during a closed-door meeting Thursday on the upcoming renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

It was part of an unprecedented display of non-partisan co-operation, a healing of old political wounds and unity in the name of managing a new, wildly

unpredictable U.S. presidency.

Trudeau was not at the meeting of his cabinet committee on Canada-U.S. relations; he was in New York City for a women's leadership summit. His ministers, however, said Mulroney made a valuable contribution.

Trudeau told reporters he had found Mulroney "thoughtful and helpful" in connecting with the Trump administration.

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#### **IN BRIEF**

#### Postmedia executive warns of more cost-cutting

After recent rounds of mass layoffs, Postmedia is warning that it still needs to cut costs after revenue plummeted by 13.5 per cent in its latest quarter. The company, one of

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### Trudeau, cabinet praise former PM Mulronev Tackling 'fake news'

SOCIAL MEDIA

### **Facebook** launches new education tool for users

Facebook is taking what it calls a "first step" toward helping Canadians tell the difference between fake news and the real thing online.

As of Friday, the social media giant will post a banner on the top of news feeds in Canada and 14 other countries that directs subscribers to a tip sheet that it hopes will educate users so they can decipher what is, or isn't, false or misleading information.

"It's the first time we're doing something of this magnitude," said Kevin Chan, head of public policy at Facebook.

The banner, to be posted "for a few days," is effectively a public service announcement to the media company's 22 million Canadian subscribers that encourages them to click a link to a 10-point "tip sheet" on how to spot scam information.

The top suggestion: "Be skeptical of headlines." Facebook points out that false news stories often carry catchy headlines, sometimes in all caps.

"If shocking claims in the headline sound unbelievable, they probably are," reads the tip sheet.

The project is the result of a collaboration with media literacy agency MediaSmarts to help Canadians filter their news feeds for fake content, a phenomenon that became a growing concern



Facebook is taking what it calls a "first step" toward helping Canadians tell the difference between fake news and the real thing online, GETTY IMAGES

during and after the 2016 U.S. presidential election campaign.

But don't expect to see direct warnings attached to potentially dubious Canadian news stories any time soon, like some European and American users.

Facebook says it's still too soon to attach warning labels on socalled "disputed" news stories, like those already being offered to users in the United States, France and the Netherlands.

Facebook users in those countries can flag news stories for false or misleading content by clicking on a grey downward arrow button on the right side of an article.

"We have very much approached this as 'tests.'" said

### It's the first time we're doing something of this magnitude.

Kevin Chan

Chan. Being able to label (content) is something that one has to be careful about. "You don't want to mistakenly label things that may actually be legitimate opinion or satire."

The tips being offered to Canadian Facebook users were inspired by a recent research project carried out by MediaSmarts, in which young people were

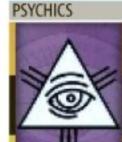
asked what kind of strategies they use to authenticate information they find online.

"We found that (young people) were quite likely to try and figure out whether something was legitimate or not when they were doing school work," said Matthew Johnson, the director of education at MediaSmarts, a notfor-profit with a self-prescribed mandate of educating young people about digital media.

"But actually they were least likely to do it when they encountered information through social

The partnership comes as social media services face increased pressure to govern content that's shared online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Your essential daily news

Warts, scars, and wrinkles, oh my! A study in the Journal of the American Medical Association has identified common facial features of movie villains

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### ENERGY, FOR EVERYONE, FOREVER Humans love heat. Humans love light. And clearly, the sun isn't enough for us. So what if we could

Humans love heat. Humans love light. And clearly, the sun isn't enough for us. So what if we could just make another one — a miniature version of the star that powers all the life on Earth? It sounds crazy. But it's not science fiction. It's called the **International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)**, and it just might hold the cure for our energy woes.

### THE PROJECT

ITER is under construction in the south of France. Once completed, optimistically around 2035, it will have two purposes: scientific research and acting as a test-run for the electricity plant of the future —

fusion reactors.

Estimated price tag: \$20 billion US; the most expensive scientific instrument ever made. 35 countries are pitching in to the project, which has been plagued by budget problems and delays since its inception in the 1980s.

### THE CHEMISTRY

The sun is powered by nuclear fusion: two hydrogen atoms fusing into one helium atom. ITER would replicate the same reaction.

First a powerful electric current heats hydrogen gas, transforming it into plasma. Cranked up to an out-of-this-world temperature of 150,000,000

C, the plasma churns around fast enough that it's possible for two hydrogen ions, which would normally repel each other like mismatched magnets, to crash into one another and stick. This produces one atom of helium and one neutral particle called a neutron, as well as a whole lot of energy in the form of heat.

The goal for the future would be an unplugged, self-sustaining version of the reactor. The only input needed

would be the hydrogen fuel, in two different forms: deuterium (plentiful in seawater) and tritium (scarce but can be made from lithium, an abundant metal).

### THE MACHINE



The ITER fusion reactor is called a tokamak. The actual reaction will take place within plasma that is suspended in the air in a donut shape by enormous, negatively-charged magnets. These would keep the negativelycharged helium ions inside, but allow the super-hot neutrons to escape through the machine's walls into water-filled cooling towers. In future fusion plants, this heated water will be used to power turbines and alternators. generating electricity the same way a coal plant does. Except fusion produces four million times more energy than coal.

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#### LEAF BOT

A Harvard-designed "bionic leaf" can both do photosynthesis — absorbing sunlight and carbon dioxide to make fuel — and work with soil bacteria to make its own fertilizer. The result? Significantly larger radishes.

#### T. REX UNMASKED

A study of an exceptionally good fossil has revealed what the Daspletosaurus horneri, a close relative of the Tyrannosaurus rex, likely looked like up close. Her face was covered in crocodile-like scales, she had a small, fingernail-like horn above each eye, and she lacked lips.

#### SOUND SMART



#### DEFINITION

A **torus** is the geometric term for "doughnut shape."

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Every time Deborah jumps into the pool, we have to fish her out with a **torus**-shaped life ring. She always forgets she doesn't know how to swim.

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#### **CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck**

### **ENOUGH** with the vaccination conversation

#### Why are measles and mumps 18 other people, and there's alback in Ontario? - Dean. Toronto ways a chance one of them will

Much as I like to blame antivaxxers, sometimes these things just happen. Mumps was never eliminated in Canada, just drastically reduced. Measles was eradicated here in 1998, so all outbreaks since have started with a case from elsewhere. The Toronto case came from India.

And when measles arrives, no matter how well-vaccinated we are, a few people might get infected locally. The average measles patient exposes 12 to 18 other people, and there's always a chance one of them will be among the few who can't be vaccinated, or for whom the vaccine didn't work.

But that doesn't explain 137 measles cases in Canada in early 2015. Or 776 in Quebec in 2011. That's outrageous. It happened because we're under-vaccinated.

Again: Not entirely antivaxxers' fault. There's a vulnerable group of Canadian adults who never got a needed MMR booster because they were vaccinated when only one dose was recommended. Some people's shots are out of date or incomplete because of frequent moves or poor record-keeping or laziness.

If we prioritize it as a community, we can reach people who aren't fully vaccinated. But I don't know what to do about people who won't get vaccinated.

It's not 1998 anymore. How many more public health campaigns do you need? Exactly zero anti-vax talking points hold up to scientific scrutiny. Even worse, research shows explaining to antivaxxers why they're wrong tends to make them dig in their heels and listen to reason even less.

Underlying much anti-vaccine rhetoric is the idea that some vaccine-preventable diseases aren't serious (they are), or that getting them somehow builds character. That's not just incorrect, it's evil. Seriously, tell it to the 17 Romanian kids who've died of measles in the past year. Oh wait, you can't. They're dead.

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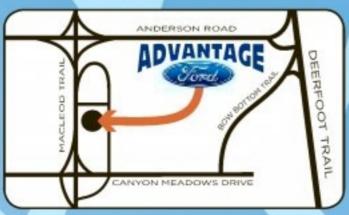
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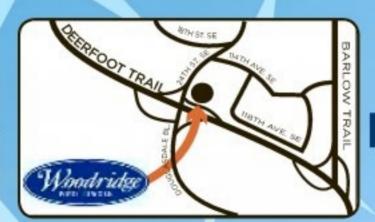


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### Smurfette faces existential crisis

IN FOCUS

This may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history

Richard Crouse



The all-animated Smurfs: The Lost Village aims to reintroduce the little blue creatures of Smurf Village to a new generation. It's the first time more than one female Smurf exists in the community.

Featuring the voices of Demi Lovato, Joe Manganiello and Michelle Rodriguez, it trades on its inherent cute factor and nostalgia for much of its appeal. There are some good messages for kids woven in and the animation is relentlessly adorable but is there anything here for anyone over the age of five?

In what may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history, it's a hero's journey, a character's search for purpose. It's Joseph Conrad via Smurf Village. Smurfette's Heart of Darkness.

As voiced by Lovato. Smurfette ponders her place in the world. All the other perky pint-sized blue creatures have descriptive names — Clumsy Smurf (Jack McBrayer), Jokey Smurf (Gabriel Iglasias) and Baker Smurf (Gordon Ramsey) - but what exactly, she wonders, is 'ette' supposed to mean?

Smurf aficionados will know she is the only female Smurf, created by wizard Gargamel to sow the seeds of jealousy in Smurf Village. With the help of Papa Smurf she became a beacon of sweetness-and-light

and the love interest of Smurfs

everywhere. That's quite a backstory and her quest for purpose is certainly noble, even if her beginnings weren't. The character was first introduced in Franco-Belgian comics magazine Spirou in 1966 as a marketing tool. According to writer Hal Erickson the comely Smurfette was created as a means to "bow to merchandising dictates" and "appeal to little girl toy consumers."

It worked and in the decades that followed Smurfette became the most sought after toy from Smurf Village.

The Smurfs are big business, in addition to this weekend's big screen animated feature, the "three apples tall" characters have been translated into 30 languages (en français: Les Schtroumpfs, in Dutch: De Smurfen) to create an estimated worth of \$4 billion, but not

Smurfs: The Lost Village \*\*\*

Going in Style \*\*\*

Giants of Africa \*\*\*

Song to Song \*

all Smurf related marketing has been successful.

Remember Smurf-Berry Crunch? At the height of 1980s Smurf mania Post Cereal released a sugary breakfast cereal they claimed tasted, "like crunchy Smurf Berries... In berry red and Smurfy blue." To ensure the Smurfiest experience possible Post added little

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**MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse** 

blue corn puff berries laden with food colouring to the mix.

Unfortunately the blue additives weren't easily digestible by the body, leading alarmed parents to report cases of blue and strange coloured poop after breakfast time. According to poopreport.com, "when metabolized in sufficient quantity, the blue dye combines with bile," to form a rainbow effect at potty time. The problem was fixed with the release of Smurf Magic Berries, which contained smurfberries made of yellow corn puffs and marshmallows.

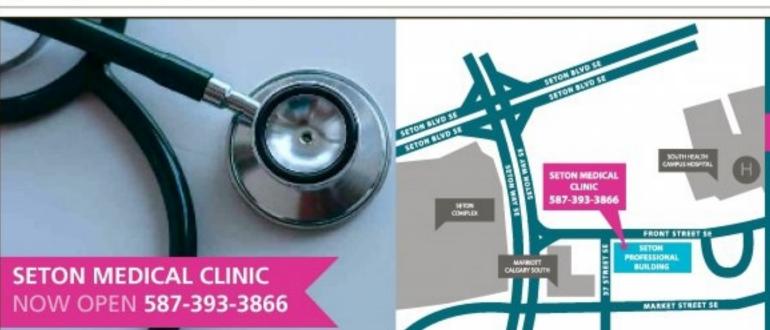
For Jack Black Smurf-Berry Crunch also brings back some bad memories. The Kung Fu Panda actor remembers his

second professional gig, a breakfast food commercial. "Being in a Smurf-Berry Crunch cereal ad and being pulled along in a red wagon...?" he says, too humili-ated to finish the sentence. "My stock plummeted at school."

I was a bit too cynical to buy into the North American Smurf craze of the 1980s - they were so popular one writer called them "kiddie cocaine" - but now in 2017 I see them as something other than an hour-and-ahalf advertisement for Smurfs

The new incarnation is a sweet kids movie designed for little ones but with just enough grown-up material to keep parents interested.





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# Evans' leading lady is the gift that keeps on giving

### Ten-year-old **Mckenna Grace** is a pint-sized pro, star raves

Chris Evans glows around his new leading lady, who makes no secret of her excitement at hanging out with Captain

She gushingly talks up his talents ("He can tap dance!"), yet is just as quick to keep him honest when he says something questionable.

She also travels with a selection of stuffed animals, including a plush seal in a pink dress.

Evans' latest co-star is 10-year-old actress Mckenna Grace. They star together in Gifted, a family drama opening Friday about an unassuming single guy raising his math-prodigy niece, determined not to let her brilliance interfere with her childhood.

Though Evans is an uncle in real life (his eldest sister has three kids, ages 3, 5 and 7), he says he bonded in a different way with Mckenna: as colleagues. Evans and Gifted director Marc Webb (The Amazing Spider-Man) saw dozens of girls read for the role, and Mckenna stood out with her childlike charm yet old-soul maturity.

"She might as well have an apartment," he said. "I'm telling you, I've met lesser pros

The 10-year-old actress also a regular on TV's Designated Survivor — is the kind of professional who asks if she can bring her stuffed seal along while promoting her new film. She also has a plush cat with her at this interview, noting she's allergic to real cats.

Mckenna says she isn't a math whiz like her character in Gifted. Instead, she feels like she's gifted with a great family and amazing lifestyle.

"This experience is so wonderful and it makes me so thankful for my life. I'm gifted that I have my family here to support me and that I'm here right now with Chris," she said, adding, "Well, every job could be my last, you know?"

As for Evans' gifts? Mckenna's got that covered, too.

"He has lots of secret talents," she said. "He can tap dance! Though he still has not tap danced for me."

Evans sheepishly admits that yes, he does tap dance.

"I'm looking to tap dance in a movie," the actor said. "I



Mckenna Grace as Mary Adler and Chris Evans as her father Frank in the film Gifted. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORPORATION

I'm gifted that I have my family here to support me and that I'm here right now with Chris. Well, every job could be my last, you know? Mckenna Grace

Gene Kelly biopic."

"He can sing and he can tap

want to find one! Maybe a nice ting a point on the subject like a manager might.

The two did a lot of singdance," Mckenna declared, put- ing on set between takes, she

said — mostly 1990s pop-rock.

"Her dad grew up listening to the Presidents of the United States of America, a band back in the '90s," Evans said, "so we would sing Peaches a lot, which was one of their better songs."

Looking at Mckenna warmly, he added: "She couldn't actually hear all of their songs because some of their songs have bad words."

Mckenna said she and her dad also love watching Marvel movies together, so she already knew about Captain America before working with Evans.

"He's so much more than Captain America," she said. "Civil War is always (playing) on the plane. And I look at it and I'm like, 'Hey, I know him!"

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### CASTING DELIVERS SUCCESS

Webb spins a sweet classic

Director Marc Webb, who elevated romance-comedy to zenith heights in making 500 Days of Summer (2009) so sweet and sad and funny and real, does the same with Gifted.

Webb tugs at the heart strings in a film about a directionless young man locked in a legal battle with his mother over the future of the niece he's been raising since she was an infant.

Casting is a huge part of the film's success, beginning with a flawless performance by Chris Evans as Frank, just scraping by but sacrificing much in order to give his niece a regular childhood. The other star turn comes from young Mckenna Grace as Mary.

Those seeking familyoriented drama with intelligence and a warm heart will amply rewarded. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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### Ann Margret hangs with the 'old boys'

**LEADING LADIES** 

### Silver screen legend joins senior stars in Going in Style

When screen legend Ann-Margret matched moves and wiles with "the boys" early in her 56-year career, it was with the studly likes of Elvis Presley (Viva Las Vegas) and Steve McQueen (The Cincinnati Kid).

Lately, however, when Ann-Margret speaks of "the boys," she's happily referring to famous men of a certain age — a certainly much older age than before. Guys like Michael Caine, 84, Alan Arkin, 83, and Morgan Freeman, 79, who she stars opposite in Zach Braff's codger caper comedy remake Going in Style, which arrives in theatres Friday.

She had previously teamed with senior superstars Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, both now deceased, for the 1993 comedy hit Grumpy Old Men and its sequel Grumpier Old Men in '95.

And she's been married for the past half-century to Roger Smith, star of the hit 1950s-60s TV detective series 77 Sunset Strip. They'll celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month.

So Ann-Margret certainly knew what she was getting into with Going in Style, in which she plays the love interest for one of the elder gents:

You and "the boys" seem to be having a lot of fun in Going in Style. Maybe remakes aren't so bad if you enjoy making them?

This is great! I keep thinking of Grumpy Old Men and the wonderful warm feeling that I had with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. And I've been with a "grumpy old man" (Smith) for 53 years. On May 8, we'll have been married for 50 years. And you know, (marriage) just gets better and better, doesn't it? You can't explain that to anybody unless they have been married that long.

You have another half-century anniversary to mark this year: 1967 was the year you first headlined your own show in Las Vegas.

Omigod, is it really? Yes, you're



Ann Margret stars alongside Morgan Freeman and Alan Arkin in Going in Style. CONTRIBUTED

right, and I was headlining!

We can't talk about Vegas without mentioning Viva Las Vegas from 1964, in which you were memorably paired with Elvis. This year marks the 40th anniversary of his death. Do you have any thoughts to share?

He was one of the most naturally talented men I've ever met. And we were friends for 15 years.

Here's another blast from your past: Did you see the episode of Mad Men where your singing in the musical comedy Bye Bye Birdie becomes part of the show's plot?

Do you know what happened? My daughter-in-law called me and she said, "Oh, turn on the TV! They're talking about you!" I turned it on, and Roger and I were watching it, and we got tears in our eyes. Because of how sweet it was. It's so dear. I was very touched.

How have making movies changed for you over the years?

It's always changing. What can I say about this? All I can say is what has happened to me. All my life I knew I wanted to be a performer, even when I was four years old in Sweden, living in a little village with 98 people. That's what I wanted, but I didn't speak a word of English until we came to America. But I always knew I wanted to entertain people. I wanted to make them feel something.

And you know what I love about today? When I did a movie with Frank Capra (her first film, A Pocketful of Miracles, 1961), playing the daughter of Bette Davis, did you know there were just three women behind the camera? Hairdresser, makeup girl and wardrobe girl. And for Going in Style, there were maybe 25-30 women behind the camera. It's incredible, and I'm so thrilled for them. It's progress, but we just all have to fight for it.

### You've had such a great career

Yes, I'm so blessed — and I'm exhausted! TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



# Inspiration behind the artistry of David Lynch

**DOCUMENTARY** 

### Doc dives deep on influences that have driven master director

Steve Gow For Metro Canada

When the reboot of Twin Peaks premieres on Showtime next month, it'll mark a quarter of a century since David Lynch became a household name.

Sure, the talented creator behind the hit series had already established himself with such art-house hits as Eraserhead and Blue Velvet but Peaks exposed a mainstream audience to the surrealist genius.

"Sometimes you forget what a master he is," said filmmaker Jon Nguyen. "I think it's both the gift that he was born with and the nurturing that he received."

And Nguyen should know. After spending three years hanging around Lynch at his Hollywood home, Nguyen has deconstructed the director in David Lynch: The Art Life - a new documentary that aims to enlighten audiences to the influences that shaped the auteur.

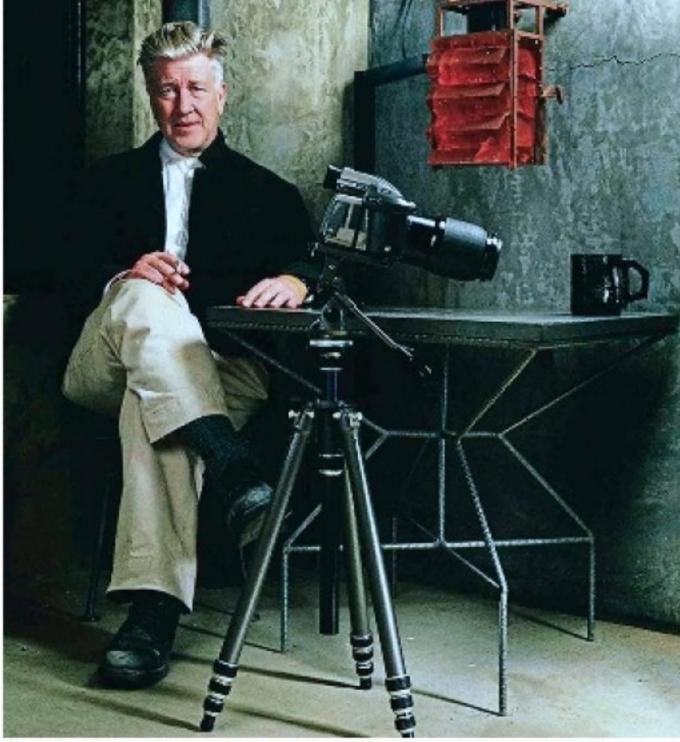
"A lot of people go 'you don't really talk about his movies in the film," said Nguyen. "But what they don't understand was our goal, the whole time, was to talk about his films just in a more obtuse way."

Indeed, the doc certainly isn't a standard hagiography nor does it even spotlight memorable scenes from Lynch's

Rather it's an intimate investigation of the mind behind an incredible 40-year expanse of work of which we can only begin to highlight:

#### Eraserhead

"Eraserhead represents his early artistic days - a period when he was still struggling and kind of forming who he



David Lynch's iconic Twin Peaks is being given a TV reboot by Showtime this month. CONTRIBUTED

was," said Nguyen of Lynch's teur David Cronenberg. 1977 dystopian debut.

The drama about a man struggling to care for a hideously deformed child stirred up the admiration of the likes of Stanley Kubrick (who borrowed elements for The Shining) and iconic Canadian au-

### Twin Peaks

The timing couldn't be more perfect for a reboot of Lynch's TV tale about the small-town murder of Laura Palmer.

After all, 25 years after its cancellation, the series is praised for shaping television today. Film critic Matt Zoller Seitz even insists that "everything from The Sopranos to American Horror Story owes it a debt."

#### **Mulholland Drive**

"I just watched Mulholland Drive last week and was floored once again by how wonderful that film was," insisted Nguyen, clearly not alone in his admiration.

A recent BBC Poll of global critics named the twisted 2001 tale about a woman struck with amnesia the "best film of the 21st century."



Sometimes you forget what a master he is. I think it's both the gift he was born with and the nurturing he received.

Jon Nguyen

### PITT MAKES RARE RED CARPET CAMEO

Actor keeping a low profile Brad Pitt has made a somewhat rare public appearance since his split with Angelina Jolie by showing up at the Hollywood premiere of Lost City of Z.

The actor looked noticeably thinner when arriving

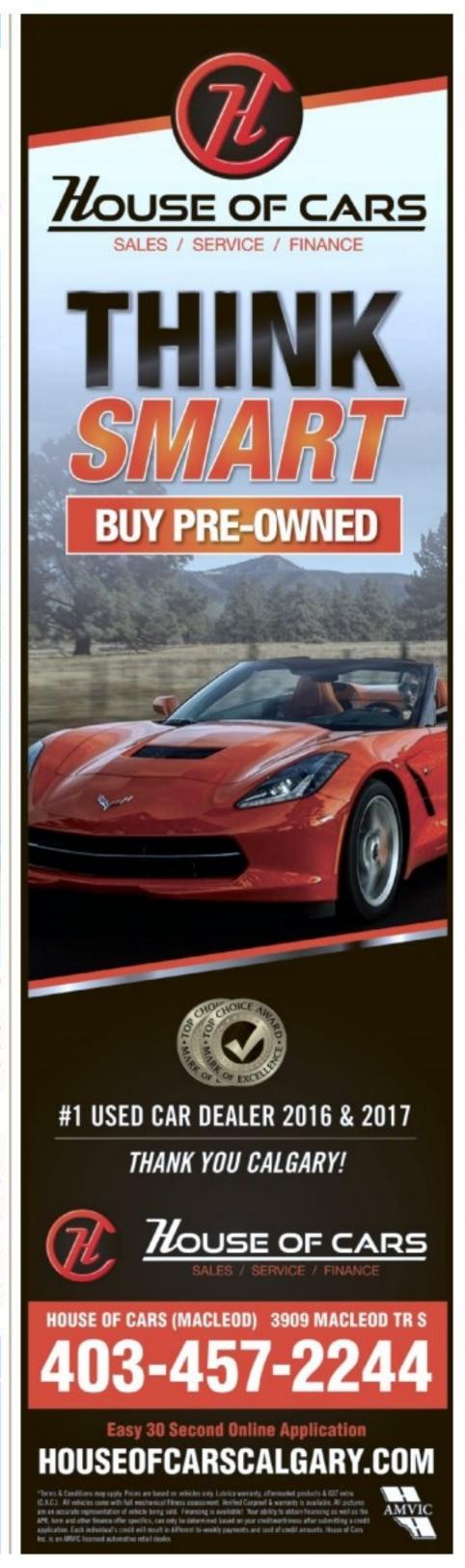
at the Arclight Cinemas on Tuesday night. Although he was pelted with questions from reporters, Pitt gave a wave and said only, "Hi. Good to see you all."

Pitt has kept a low-profile since Jolie's divorce filing in September. He showed up

at a few premieres last fall for his war drama. Allied. which turned out to be a box office disappointment. He also introduced a clip for eventual Best Picture winner Moonlight at the Golden Globes in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Brad Pitt.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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#### Steve Gow For Metro Canada

Female pro-wrestling has come a long way since it was a gimmicky '90s novelty that featured women in bikinis whacking each other in pillow-fight matches.

With a recent metamorphosis in philosophy and intent, the sport has been improving the image of female wrestling with less-sexualized stunts and higher profiles. Now, it's even getting a modern makeover in pop culture.

In February, Dwayne Johnson announced he's producing a biopic about WWE superstar Paige while Orange Is New Black creator Jenji Kohan debuts a hotly-anticipated women wrestling Netflix series called Glow in June.

First however, the comedy Chokeslam is about to enter the ring, hitting theatres across Canada this weekend as it gets its wide release.

"Something so mainstream like a movie is huge because it's going to put eyes on an industry that a lot of people didn't know about," said B.C.-born pro-wrestler Chelsea Green, who plays a small role in the film. "It's awesome to see everybody start to turn and become women wrestling fans rather than see women as kind of side pieces."

In Chokeslam, helmed by Calgary director Robert Cuffley, female wrestling certainly isn't treated as a "side piece."

The story is about a waning wrestling star (played by Amanda Crew) reuniting with an unlikely high school sweetheart. The film doesn't just paint the pugilist in a positive light, it aims to dodge the gimmickry that has previously saddled the female fight game.

"They did a good job when they wrote the character of not doing that," admitted Crew. Not a lifelong wrestling fan herself, the 30-year-old star of HBO's Silicon Valley researched the role and uncovered that life beyond the mat deserves a



Amanda Crew stars as Sheena DeWilde in wrestling comedy Chokeslam, which debuted at the Calgary International Film Festival in October. CONTRIBUTED

respect equal to any vocation.

"The wrestling industry is

"The wrestling industry is not a cushy experience," said Crew, who also had WWE icon Mick Foley (another pro playing a smaller role), to lean on for real-life insight into the sport. "It reminds me a lot of acting careers — just keep your eye



It reminds me a lot of acting careers — just keep your eye on the prize. It's a lot of grind with not a lot of payback.

Amanda Crew

on the prize. It's a lot of grind with not a lot of payback but you do it because you love it."

Crew also discovered training for the sport was a "transformative experience." Contrary to many stereotypes, wrestling is slowly becoming recognized as an empowering role for women — even in spite of the skimpy costumes.

"By the time I was in that ring in that outfit, I was surprised at how I wasn't insecure at all," admitted Crew, who spent many hours training for the movie which was shot in Lumsden and Regina, Sask. in late 2015.

"I was proud of myself, proud of my body, of what I could do and I felt the most empowered I've ever felt."

#### THROUGH THE ROPES WITH CHOKESLAM'S STARS

#### The Game is Changing

"It used to be bra and panty matches and evening gown matches and things like that and it's just not anymore," admits Chelsea Green (pictured right with Chokeslam director Robert Cuffley) about women wrestling's image. "People are starting to realize that slowly."

#### The Empowerment of Pain "Its hard to explain if you

"Its hard to explain if you haven't done it," said Green of her love of wrestling. "But the mix of performing with playing a sport; with entertaining everyone — there's



so many aspects to it that all wrestlers relate to. That's what they love."

The Wrestling Challenge
"I didn't grow up watching

wrestling," says Amanda Crew. "But I was really excited (by) the idea of playing such a physical character in a physical role." STEVE GOW/FOR METRO



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# Malick's distant melody hits all the wrong notes

A little bit more about some other movies that are being released this weekend

Song to Song — (Starring Ryan Gosling, Rooney Mara, Michael Fassbender, Natalie Portman and Cate Blanchett; directed by Terrence Malick; 129 minutes; 14A) Terrence Malick's latest film isn't so much a movie as it is a freeform collection of whispers and beseeching looks.

The Texas auteur's long-held disregard for storytelling basics and conventional cinematic structure seemed inspired in his Palme d'Or-winning The Tree of Life in 2011, but his post-Cannes output makes indifference approach arrogance.

Song to Song is loosely based on the music scene in Malick's vibrant home city of Austin, a topic and locale that by rights should offer some kind of artistic rejuvenation after the creative wheelspinning of To the Wonder, Voyage of Time and Knight of Cups.

No such luck. Bereft of ideas and anything resembling a script, Malick sets loose his A-list cast including Ryan Gosling, Rooney Mara, Michael Fassbender, Natalie Portman and Cate Blanchett - to wander listlessly amidst couplings and uncouplings that are more tiresome than tragic.

Musical pursuits become incidental to the proceedings: Who'd have guessed that Del Shannon's 1961 pop hit Runaway would be Malick's sonic muse?

He never seems happier than when his gaze - and that of lenser Emmanuel Lubezki is pointed skyward



at a flock of seagulls, while the soundtrack exults in orchestral appreciation.

Song to Song becomes a test of who can best handle Malick's indifferent direction: Fassbender hams it up Zepplinesque style; Portman and Blanchett push back against badgirl stereotypes; Gosling treads water and Mara simply looks lost.

Real musicians like Iggy Pop, John Lydon, Lykke Li and Patti Smith enter and exit the frame, with Smith offering the film's only genuine emotion as she lovingly remembers her late husband Fred (Sonic) Smith, guitarist for the MC5.

"We had a life and

it was beautiful . . . I him for the rest of my

program, based on the NBA's Basketball Without Borders, which offers training and life lessons to would-be players in four African countries.

It's the brainchild of Nigerian-born Masai Ujiri, a former player and scout, and the first African president of an NBA team, the Toronto Raptors.

The program, started in 2003, follows four recent training camps and the struggles and successes of youth from varied backgrounds along with coaches and Ujiri himself, a mentor who throws himself into his work with obvious passion.

The film is inspirational in a nonchalant sort of way. The program has yet to produce a NBA star, but it has filled scores of young men with hope while teaching them leadership skills, the need to respect others especially women - and to fight endemic corruption in their respective home countries.

The low-key style and the simplicity of its storytelling make the film all the more powerful. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE





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Snoop Dogg and chef Guy Fieri got together for a cooking demonstration in South Beach. CONTRIBUTED



# Apparently, a rapper's place is in the kitchen

**DELICIOUS MUSIC** 

#### Intersection of food and music is on full display

Rapper Snoop Dogg furiously stirred flour into a creamy bechamel sauce, a whisk in one hand and a microphone in the other during a cooking demonstration with chef Guy Fieri.

Wearing black shades, his dreads in a ponytail, the pioneering rapper rushed off the cooking stage and emerged 20 minutes later at a nearby beachside DJ booth, also part of the recent South Beach Wine & Food Festival, spinning tunes, including many of his own, while a stagehand passed out joints to the sweaty, enthusiastic crowd.

Snoop may seem an unlikely guest for a festival where highbrow foodies come for \$500-aplate dinners to mingle with chefs like Jose Andres and Daniel Boulud, but it's emblematic of the widening intersection between food and music that Snoop and other rappers and

before toasting the audience.

Earlier this month, Miami rapper Rick Ross tapped Stewart to announce the debut of his new album on Twitter. The queen of homemaking also included a photo of her holding a cake with Ross' album cover on top.

Rev Run of the rap group Run-DMC has also become a fixture on the food scene with the Cooking Channel's Rev Run's Sunday Suppers. The father of six told The Associated Press that cooking is more about family time and less about the creative process for him.

"Music, like food, has no language barriers. When people hear music or eat tasty food, all of a sudden we have something in common," he said.

Some artists were busy in the kitchen long before they started making music.

Rapper Flava Flav grew up cooking in his family's soul food diner. Before bursting onto the music scene with the group Public Enemy, he went to cooking school and says he once was the head chef at the Nassau County Courthouse in New York. He's had several restaurants, mostly centred on his fried chicken.

#### When people hear music or eat tasty food, all of a sudden we have something in common.

Rev Run, Run DMC

on, where unlikely pairings form shows like VH1's Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party and rappers like 2 Chainz drop cookbooks along with their albums.

Mobb Deep rapper Prodigy, who served time in prison, recently came out with the cookbook "commissary kitchen: my infamous prison cookbook," which includes a recipe that mixes Ramen noodles and Doritos. You can even buy Rap Snacks, honey jalapeno potato chips with Fetty Wap's face on the bag.

On a recent episode of Snoop and Martha Stewart's VH1 show, she roasted a whole pig, proclaiming the new way to eat pork was "nose to tail."

"Nah, nah, nah. In the 'hood we say from the rooter to the tooter," says Snoop, who helped Stewart make a Cuban mojito, busting out a quippy rhyme

hip-hop stars are capitalizing that have closed due to "poor management," he said. Rockhouse Las Vegas is currently featuring his grub and he said he hopes to another restaurant.

> Action Bronson often rhymes in culinary speak. The rapper, whose first album included tracks titled "Jerk Chicken," "Shiraz" and "Brunch," went to culinary school for a year before dropping out and pursuing music.

> R&B singer Kelis, whose music intersected with hip-hop and is perhaps best known for "Milkshake," went to Le Cordon Bleu after hitting the charts, leading to a cookbook, a popup restaurant in London and an album titled "Food," with songs like "Jerk Ribs," "Cobbler" and "Biscuits n' Gravy."

> "It's very different than music ... you can't really control what you hear. They have to hear it, whereas food is a choice," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Matheson prefers to serve it up raw and real

#### Chef's travel show offers a flavour of wild and wonderful

Straddling a huge alligator during filming of the culinary travel show Dead Set on Life was something Matty Matheson did on the spur of the moment.

The Toronto chef was on a guided gator hunt in the Florida Everglades when the group hauled in the lengthy reptile.

"When we were pulling that 12-foot gator out of the water the guys were just, like, 'Jump on it.' I was, like, 'OK,"' he says.

"I'm pretty much 300 pounds, (but) it's a 12-foot. If it wanted to move ...'

Afterward, the tattooed Matheson continues, "I got up and realized what happened. I was in the moment and when I got off the gator I was kind of frazzled a bit. 'What did I just do?"

For the executive chef of Parts & Labour restaurant in Toronto, it's all about the adrenalin rush.

During the eight episodes of the third season of Dead Set on Life, which kicked off Thursday on Vice, Matheson also travels to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Venice Beach, Calif., Australia, New Zealand, Thunder Bay, Ont., and Iceland.

"Out of all of those each one just had their moments," he says.

"In Thunder Bay we did a sauna with some Finnish people and we did a frozen lake plunge. The night before I was, like, should we have EMS there? We're jumping in a frozen lake. I've never done it before. Is my heart going to stop?

"We made a last-minute decision to bring EMS on site for it and that was super funny. That was a really big adrenaline rush.'

His goal is to celebrate a mutual passion for food with the people he meets - and

Of the food, he says with a laugh: "Sometimes it's amazing; sometimes it's interest-

"Having an open mind is like seeing the world for what it is and taking it in and taking the best things away from it," he says.

"I've seen some epic beauty in the past year and met some amazing, beautiful people."

His philosophy is to cook simply and try to use local



Chef Matty Matheson explores culture through food on Vice's Dead Set on Life. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ingredients at Parts & Labour attack at age 29, is candid point was also hammered home to him during his travels.

In the Australian Outback, he was "helicoptered out to this billabong in the middle of nowhere" to fish for barramundi. He was taught to cook the catch over coals in paper bark culled from a nearby tree, which kept it moist and lent the fish a smokiness.

"All you need is salt and some lemon. It's really cool to be able to use your elements,"

"Ontario's got an amazing bounty and beautiful farms with lambs, pigs, beef and water buffalo and amazing produce. We're really lucky. I think travelling makes you feel really grateful for what I love.

"I love Toronto. I love Canada and I think every time I travel it's so beautiful. It makes me excited to come home."

Matheson, who had a heart

as much as possible, and that about his battles with drugs and booze.

"Addiction issues are never over. You just deal with them. I was heavily into drugs and alcohol. In 3 1/2 years I haven't had a sip or a sniff or a smoke or whatever. Life's gotten a lot better."

The 35-year-old father of a one-year-old son hopes to do another season of Dead Set on Life.

He's slated to be master of ceremonies at Terroir Symposium, a gathering of influencers from the hospitality industry in Toronto at the end of May, and is working on a

"It's going to be my life up until now. Growing up in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P.E.I., moving to Ontario, culinary school, cooking in restaurants. There will be a family section. It will be a Matty cookbook." THE CANADIAN PRESS

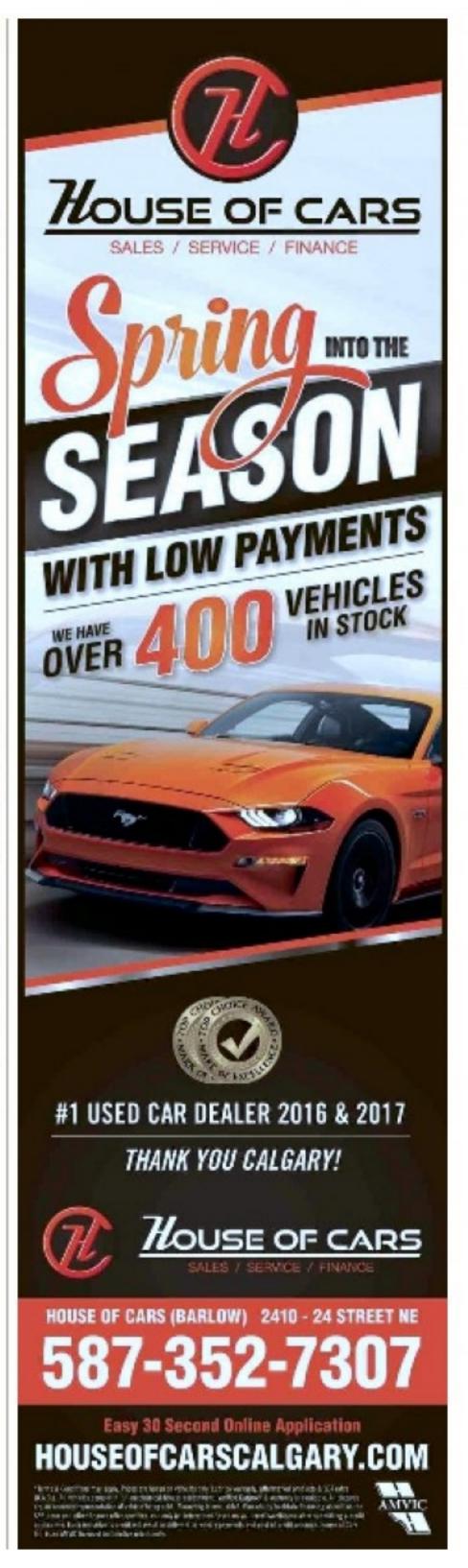
### (1) SHAPE SHIFT

#### Matzo makers offer a new angle on Passover staple It's not your bubbe's matzo.

The New Jersey-based largest producer of kosher food in North America is breaking with 129 years of tradition by unveiling its first triangular matzo. Manischewitz says the shape is part of its Matzo Pizza Kit.

CEO David Sugarman says matzo pizza is a Passover staple for Jewish families because they are not permitted to eat foods made with yeast or leavening.

The company needed a special die to make the new shape from the traditional rectangle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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S-Town is hosted by Brian Reed (top right with headphones), who's normally This American Life's senior producer. He's been working on this story for more than three years. INSTAGRAM

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S-Town, the new blockbuster podcast from the team behind Serial, begins with the spectre of murder.

From the first twang of main subject John B. McLemore's Alabama accent — "Some'ns happ'ned!" - the listener might be inclined to dub S-Town a kind of Serial: Deep South.

The podcast, narrated by longtime This American Life producer Brian Reed, was inspired by an email sent by ancientclock restorer John B. Mc-Lemore from Woodstock, Alabama. Woodstock is an unassuming small town outside of Birmingham in Bibb County, but McLemore prefers to call it "S-t Town," hence the podcast title.

Here are seven reasons to listen to the new seven-part podcast, which has already been downloaded more than 16 million times since March 28, faster than any podcast ever.

#### 1. John B. McLemore's brilliant rants

"I've about had enough of S-t Town and the things that

goes on," he tells Reed in episode one. And he's just getting started. Much of S-Town is made up of phone calls where McLemore goes off on fascinating tangents about climate change, Darfur, acid reflux, Facebook and his S-t

#### 2. To gape at the crudeness of Trump's America

McLemore writes to Reed to decry murder, child molestation and police corruption in Woodstock and requesting the investigative rigour of the This American Life team. When Reed visits the backroom of a local tattoo parlour to investigate a murder, the town's prejudice is as enlightening as it is disturbing.

#### 3. You'll learn more than you thought you wanted to about horology

That's the study of time and clock-making - McLemore's trade. The podcast opens with a description of a horologist's mazelike task of fixing a broken ancient



clock. The intricate machines become a metaphor for life through McLemore's eyes. At one point, he quotes from a sundial inscription: "Life is tedious and brief."

#### 4. You'd spend time on John B.'s property too

When Reed makes his way

to S-t Town and gets to know McLemore, he learns the man is in his late forties and lives with his elderly mother on a 128-acre property, where he takes in stray dogs and prunes an elaborate hedge maze, when he's not fixing clocks or obsessively researching climate change. After finishing S-Town, you'll want to give the maze a go.

#### 5. It's a murder mystery

McLemore had heard that a kid ended up dead in a fight and that someone has been going around Woodstock bragging about the murder. That's just the spark that sets off the greater story that's difficult to define and becomes much more than a southern whodunit.

#### 6. It's a treasure hunt

When a central character brags of being "unbanked," you'll wonder if you should start converting all your assets into gold and wrap it up in a towel in the freezer before cutting out the golddiggers in your life.

#### 7. S-Town is not what you think it is

It's not really a true-crime podcast, though it mimics much of Serial's twistyturny structure. But it's still a riveting investigation, if not as deeply into murder as it first appears, then into the life of one Alabama man. At times S-Town goes so deep that some have accused Reed and his team of invasiveness.

If they go too far, it's because there's a lot to mine from a man as fascinating as Mc-Lemore, the self-proclaimed black sheep in the community that he so despises but won't leave.

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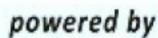
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# Spring decor hand-made in Montreal

Three eco-conscious designers from Montreal are collaborating on a home decor collection linked by their neutral tones and blue accents. Available now on eBay Canada, the collection ships free and proceeds go to Evergreen, a charity that promotes sustainable cities. MELITA KUBURAS/METRO

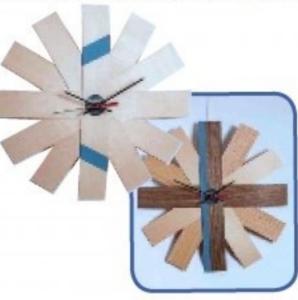


Midnight Owl (top) \$65; North Caribou \$65

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#### Cushy creatures by Velvet Moustache

Majorie Labrèque-Lepage's company will celebrate 10 years this September - the Midnight Owl was one of the first in her collection of square-shaped animals. "I buy organic cotton threads and recycled fabric polyester and we take all those materials to knit the fabric," she says, of the terrycloth cushions made in Montreal's Ville-Marie neighbourhood. Textile sustainability is a core value. "It should be important to everyone," she says.



RELOJ Maple (left) \$55; RELOJ Walnut x Maple x Oak \$55

#### Nature time by Atelier Cocotte

Designer Isabelle Auger is known for her abstract light fixtures and lamps made out of bendy wooden strips, but she sometimes adds complementary decorative items to her workshop. The timepieces are made from Canadian maple, oak and walnut.

#### Trendy tableware by a ceramic artist

Marjorie Camiré says all her pieces are tipped in glaze, which creates a random gradient pattern that makes each item unique. "Cobalt blue is a pigment you can find in nature and it's a classic in ceramics like the old-timey pottery that are pattered with that pigment - and I decided to use it differently," she tells Metro.

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Established in 1966, the League of Canadian Poets is a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, engaging and promoting poets and poetry in Canada.

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The Bidens. AP PHOTO

#### **POLITICS** Joe and Jill Biden get multi-book deal

Former Vice-President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, have book deals. Flatiron Books told The Associated Press that it will release two books by Joe Biden and one by Jill. Joe Biden's first book will "explore one momentous year," when his son Beau died in 2015 and his agonized decision against running for president. Biden's memoir is currently untitled and no release date was announced.

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# Reading Road map for new kind of feminism



#### **Actress Gillian** Anderson and close friend lay it all on the line

The actor Gillian Anderson is best known for her role as FBI Special Agent Dana Scully, a skeptical, fearless foil to alien abduction conspiracist Fox Mulder on the '90s hit series The X-Files.

Her character is believed to have inspired young women to enter the fields of science, medicine and law enforcement. She demanded a salary equal to costar David Duchovny and now plays sexually empowered and dogged detective Stella Gibson on BBC series The Fall.

So it shouldn't be much of a surprise she has put together a feminist self-help book with co-author and longtime friend Jennifer Nadel, a journalist and lawyer in the U.K.

We: A Manifesto for Women Everywhere was released last month as road map to living a more centred, authentic life. The main message is this: women need to get real about who they really are, whether they're willing to accept their current circumstances and if not, how to empower themselves to change things.

Anderson and Nadel spoke about self-care, activism, fighting Hollywood stereotypes and how to find time to meditate.

#### Can you describe your friendship?

IN: We have children the

suade them to become friends. They sat in stony silence, but we couldn't stop talking. We're both seekers and have struggled with many of the same issues and tried many of the same spiritual and emotional solutions. Ten years into the friendship, Gillian asked whether I'd be open to talking about a book idea she'd had. Her idea chimed perfectly with a desire I'd had to write about a new kind of feminism.

#### There is a lot of personal information. Can you explain why you decided to openly discuss so much?

GA: The first principle in our book is honesty because it is an essential part of any path to change, personal or societal. First, one must fully understand the reality of a situation. We realized that it would be unfair to ask readers to get honest about themselves and their own lives without first doing so ourselves.

#### Do you think self-care is particularly important during this social moment?

GA: If we don't practise selfcare, then often, our unruly or egoic selves push to the foreground to run the show and be heard. When we practise self-compassion, we are more likely to be compassionate towards others, even those we don't agree with. IN: All of us are called to activism of one sort or another at this time in history. It's no longer an optional choice.

us who can needs to show up and be counted. Millions of us marched around the world after Trump's inauguration. I was in D.C. and Gillian in London. Those marches were just the start and if we want to be in it for the long haul, we need to develop and foster resilience. So, self-care is vital if we want to really make an impact and avoid burnout and depression.

There's a lot of discussion about idealized beauty. Yet Hollywood and pop culture still demand these things. How do you navigate that? GA: Hollywood and pop culture are not where most of us live. The more we start to reject those images and demand realistic representation, the more empowered we will feel. But it does first start with accepting ourselves as we are. Really, truly embracing ourselves and refusing to attempt to conform.

#### How do you find the time, logistically, to practise meditation - and the other essential practices - when life gets hectic?

GA: Life is always hectic. But there are tools in the book for finding ways to eek out time for oneself regardless. That can be starting with just two minutes of meditation, or making hard rules about the amount of sleep one gets, or replacing negative messages with positive ones.

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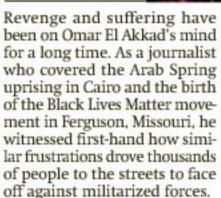


# Imagining the war-torn West of 2075

**APOCALYPSE FICTION** 

#### **Journalist riffs** off real-life uprisings in raw debut novel

Sue Carter For Metro Canada



Even before he became a reporter, El Akkad - who was born in Cairo, grew up in Qatar, moved to Canada, and now lives with his family in a remote area outside of Portland, Ore. - observed human universality from a "triple outsider's" perspective.

"We're not fundamentally different," he says. "It's something I thought about a lot because I come from one part of

the world and I live in another. The culture of my family is of one culture and the culture that I consume most often is another."

El Akkad's powerful debut novel, American War, examines the drive for revenge through the life Sara T. Chestnut, or Sarat, named after Civil War diarist Mary Chesnut and Mary Surratt, who was hanged for her part in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The novel's raw, apocalyptic story, which touches on such contemporary fears as terrorism, global warming, and warring ideologies, follows the lively tenacious girl as she is slowly transformed into a broken, hatred-filled husk of a person after enduring relentless tragedies and torture.

Set near the beginning of the American Civil War in 2075, Sarat's Louisiana family

is forced into a refugee camp where she is recruited into an underground militia resistance effort, propelling a series of events that will have a horrific impact on the entire country.

Although American War takes place nearly 60 years into a future where the skies are filled with drones, El Akkad doesn't consider the novel science fiction.

He says he needed time for the "world to marinate," so it's set just far enough away to have the rising sea levels eat up the country's coasts, and world power to shift from the West to the Bouazizi Empire, a fictitious union of former colonized Arabic countries.

Many of the landmarks in American War were also inspired by El Akkad's reporting experiences. The tents in Camp Patience, where the Chestnut family lives for years, is based

tánamo Bay, with the physical layout modelled after the NATO airfield in Kandahar. A scene with a polio-vaccination doctor borrows from another experience, when El Akkad toured with a UN vaccination team in Kandahar. An assignment about land loss established the Chestnuts' home in Louisiana.

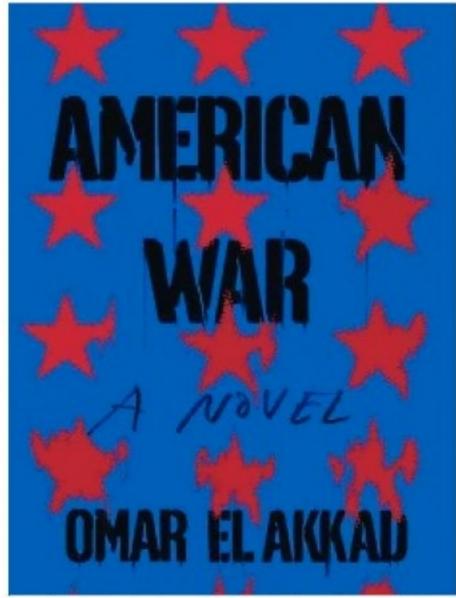
on a media habitat in Guan-

But El Akkad says Sarat appeared to him as a fully formed character all her own, albeit one that drew on his own feelings of impermanence and being unanchored.

"She's this stubbornly curious human being who has those qualities turned against her," says El Akkad, who doesn't expect that Sarat will, or should draw sympathy.

"I don't want you to apologize for her. I don't think she's a good human being at the end of it. But what I hope people take away is that you don't have to get on someone's side to understand why they do the things they do. I don't like living in this 'you're either with us or against us' world."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



American War tells the story of Sara T. Chestnut, a girl living through an imagined American civil war in 2075. CONTRIBUTED



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# Don Rickles insulted his way into people's hearts

IN MEMORIAM

#### Comedian, actor dies of kidney failure, he was 90

Don Rickles, the big-mouthed, bald-headed "Mr. Warmth" whose verbal assaults endeared him to audiences and peers and made him the acknowledged grandmaster of insult comedy, died Thursday. He was 90.

Rickles, who would have been 91 on May 8, suffered kidney failure and died Thursday morning at his home, said Paul Shefrin, his longtime publicist and friend.

For more than half a century, Rickles headlined casinos and nightclubs from Las Vegas to Atlantic City, New Jersey, and livened up late-night talk shows. No one was exempt from Rickles' insults, not fans or presidents or such fellow celebrities as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Johnny Carson.

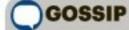
Even volatile Sinatra let Rickles have his comedic way with him.

"Hey, Frank, make yourself at home. Hit somebody," Rickles snapped at the singer attending his show. Sinatra laughed.

Despite jokes that from other comics might have inspired boycotts, he was one of the most beloved people in show business, idolized by everyone from Joan Rivers and Louis CK to Chris Rock and Sarah Silverman.

Billy Crystal tweeted simply, "A giant loss."

"We lost a great one. fast furious brilliant for decades the definition of genius," Sandra Bernhard said on Twitter. Some reaction to Rickles' death matched his style. "In lieu of flowers, Don Rickles' family has requested that people drop their



#### Reaction to Rickles' death

"God Bless Don Rickles, aka, Mr. Warmth! Proud to have been heckled by him from the stage many times!" - LeVar Burton. "You brightened our lives every time you were on screen." - Ruth Buzzi. "One of the funniest people that ever lived, you dumb schmuck." -Billy Eichner. My friend, my dad, the funniest biggest hearted of them all... My heart is broken." - Bob Saget.

pants and fire a rocket," Patton Oswald tweeted.

James Caan once said that Rickles helped inspire the blustering Sonny Corleone of The Godfather. An HBO special was directed by John Landis of Animal House fame and included tributes from Clint Eastwood, Sidney Poitier and Robert De Niro.

Carl Reiner would say he knew he had made it in Hollywood when Rickles made fun of him.

Rickles patented a confrontational style that stand-up performers still emulate, but one that kept him on the right side of trouble. He emerged in the late 1950s, a time when comics such as Lenny Bruce and Mort Sahl were taking greater risks, becoming more politicized and more introspective.

Rickles managed to shock his audiences without cutting social commentary or truly personal self-criticism. He operated under a code as old the Borscht Belt: Go far — ethnic jokes, sex jokes, ribbing Carson for his many marriages — but make sure everyone knows it's for fun.

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Comedian Don Rickles has died of kidney failure Thursday at his home in Los Angeles, California. He was 90. GETTY IMAGES

## Gossip DIGEST

BOOKS
Alec Baldwin's spots typos
all over his memoir

Alec Baldwin's latest beef is with his publisher. The actor's memoir "Nevertheless" came out this week and he shared some complaints in a Facebook posting. Baldwin wrote that the finished work had typos and other errors and complained that HarperCollins had failed "to do a proper and forensic edit." He promised to compile a list of revisions, along with material that

didn't make it to print. One clarification, for those who wondered: When he said he was "in love" with Tina Fey and Kate McKinnon, he didn't mean romantically. He is in love with their talent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### ACTIVISM TV Showrunner Shonda Rhimes joins Planned

Parenthood board

"Scandal" and "Grey's Anatomy" creator Shonda Rhimes is joining the national board of Planned Parenthood. Rhimes made the announcement in an interview with Elle magazine alongside Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards. Rhimes says she decided to join the board because

"women's health is under fire right now" and she feels "it's important to help fight back." Rhimes also discussed a

2015 episode of
"Scandal," which
showed main
character Olivia
Pope having
an abortion.
Rhimes says
she was
portraying a
legal medical
procedure and
"wasn't going to pull

any punches." Richards says
the organization is hoping
to harness some of Rhimes'
"enormous creative energy
and storytelling ability."
Rhimes previously served
on the board of the

organization's Los Angeles chapter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### TELEVISION NBC orders more episodes for Will & Grace revival

Fans of the longdormant NBC sitcom "Will & Grace" will get even more chances to see the cast reunited on the network this fall.

Deadline reports NBC has bumped its order for a revival of the series

from 10 to 12
episodes. NBC
announced the
series' return
to its lineup
in January.
It originally
ran from
1998 to 2006.
The revival

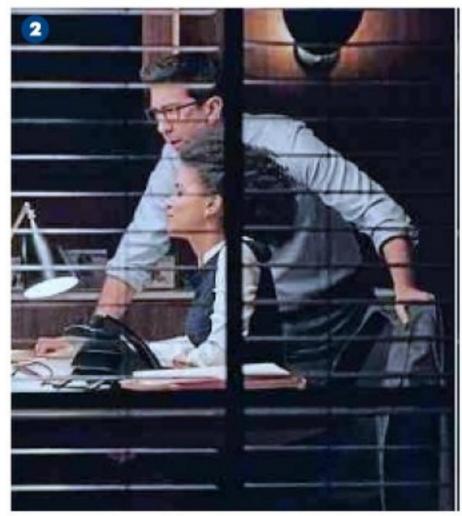
was prompted by a 10-minute episode released online in September that urged voters to back Hillary Clinton in the presidential election.

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## Gossip DIGEST — GENEVA, SCHWIMMER & LEWIS

#### OGeneva OKs topless swimming for women —

Geneva's regional council, modifying a ban that predated bikinis by decades, has ruled that women can again pop off their tops legally in Lake Geneva and Rhone River without running the risk of a fine. The council voted to amend a 1929 ordinance that prohibited women from swimming topless in the city's natural waterways, but

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the change doesn't apply to public swimming pools or swimming naked.

#### 2 Schwimmer confronts sex harassment in new

campaign — Sexual harassment happens every day and it's time to amp up the conversation, actor David Schwimmer said. Schwimmer, Cynthia Nixon, Bobby Cannavale, Emmy Rossum and Noah Emmerich, among others, appear in a series of short films launched this week as part of a campaign called That's Harassment. Each offers a disturbing glimpse into how abusers assume control, whether they're bartenders, co-workers or bosses, and how such abuse can play out in plain view of bystanders.

O Damian Lewis acts out Brexit, Trump — British actor Damian Lewis says his latest role as a man in love with a goat is perfect for our unsettled times. The Homeland and Billions star is back on the London stage in Edward Albee's The Goat, Or Who is Sylvia, a tragicomedy. After the show, Lewis said the play suits a time when "we feel generally more uncertainty and more absurdity in our politics at the moment, both here and in the U.S."



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INTERNET TELEVISION

# YouTube TV: nifty but has drawbacks

YouTube TV, Google's new streaming package of about 40 television channels, is the tech industry's latest bid to get cableshunning millennials to pay for live TV over the internet. It offers intriguing advantages over rivals, but it remains hobbled by a limited channel selection.

Don't confuse the YouTube service, which debuts Wednesday, with Netflix, Amazon Prime and other streaming offerings. Like similar efforts from Sony, Dish and AT&T's DirecTV, YouTube TV primarily aims to let you channel surf over the internet, not to stream from an online library of shows and movies. So these internet-cable services can offer live programming, especially sports.

But they also come with some serious drawbacks. While these services are typically cheaper than traditional cable or satellite services, people haven't been signing up in droves. Google is targeting viewers who have never subscribed to cable or satellite TV and are just as happy to get all their video from the internet; getting them to cough up \$35 a month could be a hard sell.

Google aims to lure subscribers with more sophisticated program search, personalized recommendations and a more fully featured online DVR than rival services offer. But it still faces limitations. For instance, features staples such as ESPN and major broadcast networks, but lacks key networks such as PBS, CNN and Comedy Central. And it will initially be only available in a handful of major U.S. cities because media rights are still stuck in the 20th century.

YouTube TV offers plenty of live sports, one of the chief rea-



YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki. AP PHOTO

sons people stick with cable. Pick a team, and the service automatically records all the televised games it can find.

One big plus: YouTube's unlimited DVR will store recordings for nine months, long enough for entire seasons of network shows.

YouTube TV works on phones, tablets and laptop browsers. Watching on an actual TV requires Google's Chromecast.

You can share your subscription with five friends or relatives in your household, with three simultaneous streams allowed. No need to share passwords; they sign in with their own Google accounts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **Privacy?**

This being Google, your search histories might be mined for targeted advertising. You can suspend tracking in the settings, though that will hinder personalized recommendations.

# Netflix looks to thumbs as star ratings fade away

STREAMING

#### Simpler system to assist viewer feedback, show suggestions

Netflix's video-streaming service is officially scrapping its familiar star-rating system, hoping to make it easier for its 94 million subscribers to signal whether they liked a movie or TV show.

The service is compressing its familiar one-to-five star system into a simpler choice of thumbs-up or thumbs-down. The change, first discussed by a Netflix official last month and officially unveiled on Wednesday, is aimed at soliciting more viewer feedback and helping the service make better program recommendations.

Netflix believes its star system has been confusing to many people. The five stars allowed subscribers to tell Netflix whether they "hated," "didn't like," "liked," "really liked" or "loved" a particular video.

That was straightforward enough. But the company found that too many subscribers thought the star ratings Netflix posted for videos they hadn't rated reflected the average of all user responses. In actuality, those ratings were personalized predictions based on Netflix analysis of a user's viewing history and past ratings.

Instead, Netflix will now display a percentage designed to predict how much each subscriber will enjoy a given show



Devin Druid stars in Netflix's 13 reasons Why. The service is compressing its familiar one-tofive star system into a simpler choice of thumbs-up or thumbs-down. CONTRIBUTED

or movie. The number, similar to compatibility predictions on online dating services, will also be drawn from viewing patterns and past ratings, including those previously entered into the star system.

Although change invariably irks some people, Netflix thinks relatively few of its subscribers will give the streaming service a thumbs-down for abandoning the star system. That's because the all-thumbs format generated three times more viewer ratings than the star system during tests conducted with millions of subscribers over the past year, ac-

cording to Cameron Johnson, Netflix's director of product innovation.

"It's easy to see why," Johnson said. "They perceive it as a way to get better suggestions on Netflix, which is something they care about because it helps them find something great to watch really quickly."

Recommending videos is important to Netflix because it wants to limit the odds that subscribers become bored and cancel. The Los Gatos, California, company needs to keep its subscriber numbers growing to keep investors happy and support its

stock price, which has been hovering near its record highs.

Netflix also need rising subscriber revenue to help pay its bills. It plans to spend about \$6 billion on original programming this year.

The stars are fading away after a decade on Netflix's streaming service, although they'll remain on the company's DVD-by-mail program, where they have been around for 17 years. But Netflix's DVD business has dwindled to 4 million subscribers, and the company no longer spends money promoting that side of its business. THE ASSOCIATE PRESS



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# A link you'll remember forever

GOLF

#### Northern Ireland's idilyc courses are a golfer's dream

Brian Kendall For Metro Canada



"Don't look up until you hear the ball dancing in the cup," my caddy whispered. "Make this and it'll be a fine thing to remember all your days."

My putt for an eagle three at the par-five ninth hole at Royal Portrush Golf Club was the most thrilling moment of a week-long tour of Northern Ireland's famous links courses, including Royal County Down, Portstewart and Ardglass.

Setting up nervously over my ball, I could almost feel the crash of the Atlantic against the towering sand cliffs that define this ruggedly beautiful and windblown stretch of coastline. Now largely free of the Troubles that once frightened tourists away, Northern Ireland is drawing record numbers of golfers to its more than 90 courses.

Anticipation is already building for the 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush, which will be the first Open hosted by the British province since Englishman Max Faulkner lifted the Claret Jug at this same course in 1951. As many as 200,000 visitors are expected at the biggest sporting event to ever be staged here in terms of prestige and global media





With the Irish Open set for summer and the Open Championship coming in 2019, Northern Ireland is one of the hottest destinations in golf. Left: Royal Portrush is home to one of the most challenging links courses in the world. Right: Portstewart Golf Club was founded in 1894 and redesigned in the 1920's. CONTRIBUTED

exposure

And this summer Rory Mcllroy will return to his native
soil to defend his title at the
European Tour's Dubai Duty
Free lrish Open. Played at Portstewart Golf Club July 6-9, the
tournament will showcase a
magnificent — though sometimes underrated — north coast
links that twists through massive sand dunes and alongside
a tranquil estuary of the River

Outside Belfast, Northern Ireland is almost all green and rolling countryside, with farms and villages linked by a spidery network of roads. Establish a base and you can reach almost any golf course within a couple of hours.

Absolutely not to be missed is Royal County Down, the iconic Old Tom Morris design set on a long sweep of Dundrum Bay, an hour's drive down the Irish Sea coastline from Belfast. Vast swathes of gorse and heather line fairways that tumble through sand hills, while tussock-faced bunkers defend approach shots to subtly contoured greens.

Conveniently nearby is Ardglass Golf Club — a course I love more with each visit. Skirting the Irish Sea, Ardglass begins and ends in the middle of a fishing village once occupied by Vikings. Looming over this idyllic setting is the world's oldest clubhouse, an imposing if slightly threadbare castle-like structure built in the 14th century.

Despite the stiff competition, it's 2019 Open host Royal Portrush that has naturally grabbed most of the attention. Two new holes are being built to accommodate huge tournament grandstands on a links that spills down a hillside to seaside cliffs in the north coast town of Portrush.

Royal Portrush's most famous

hole is the 14th, Calamity Corner, a par three demanding a heroic carry to a cliff-top green.

But the defining moment of my trip came at the ninth, where not even three jittery putts that turned an eagle into a routine par could spoil a day of golf on one of the world's outstanding links.

For more golf stories, visit Brian's website at canadiangolftravel-

#### TRAVEL NOTES TRACKING BLACK BEARS, PAULA DEEN PLANS NEW SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, EXHIBITION: QUEER BRITISH ART

#### Yosemite's new site

Wildlife enthusiasts can now follow the daily journey of Yosemite National Park's black bears from their laptops and smartphones, tracking the animals as they lope around the park. The website Keep Bears Wild shows where select bears fitted with GPS collars are heading. The goal is to draw in the public so they know to slow down while driving and properly store food when they visit the park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



#### Deen's southern eats

Paula Deen is opening a seafood restaurant on the same waterfront property outside Savannah where Uncle Bubba's Oyster House, an eatery she co-owned, closed in 2014. The celebrity cook plans to open Paula Deen's Creek House in June on Whitemarsh Island, Uncle Bubba's was at the centre of a workplace discrimination suit that hurt Deen's rep after she admitted to having used racial slurs the past. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



#### LGBTQ art at the Tate

A portrait of Oscar Wilde that once hung above the writer's fireplace is on display at London's Tate Britain gallery along with the door to Wilde's prison cell.

The items are part of the Tate exhibition Queer British Art, which charts work "that relates to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer identities" in the century before homosexuality was partially decriminalized in 1967. The show runs until Oct. 1.

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The 2,000-kilometre Circle Tour is to be savoured like a Group of Seven painting the area north of Lake Superior inspired.

"It's like every piece of shoreline is different and unique," says Dan Bevilacqua, executive director of Superior Country. "It goes for the communities as well."

There are the Ontario city splendours of Sault Ste. Marie or Blues Fest in Thunder Bay. At its most westerly point, travel Bob Dylan Way through a charming Duluth, Minn., near where the famed poet-singer hails.

In between, find out where a cub named Winnie-the-Pooh began a long journey to literary fame, check out the motel where pianist Glenn Gould would get away from it all, or take in the striking monument where a cancer-stricken Terry Fox gave up his one-legged trans-Canada run.

Stop and admire the revamped main street of Terrace Bay, or on the south shore — which Americans call the north shore — meander through picturesque Marquette or breeze past Christmas on Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Mostly, however, it's about a lake that splits its sparkling waters between Canada and the United States. Indeed, as the largest of the Great Lakes, Superior offers seemingly boundless shoreline - log-strewn beaches, gentle river mouths, pristine sunbathing sands, rock cliffs and waterfall trails - all with oceanic vistas. In fact, it would be easy to confuse the greatest of the lakes for an ocean were it not for glass-clear water that on serene summer days makes for a bracing, salt-free swim.

At other time that water can turn ferocious — with steely-grey waves two or three storeys high. Moodiness and power both awesome and breath-taking. Stop and look out over where the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in a November gale in 1975 just a

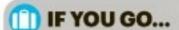


Fractures in the bedrockhe at Aguasabon Falls and gorge near Terrace Bay, Ont. date back almost 2.6 billion years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

few kilometres from safety — a tragedy immortalized in song by Canadian singer-songwriting legend Gordon Lightfoot.

Getting a sense of scale is hard. At its longest, Lake Superior stretches some 560 kilometres as the eagle flies, abutting one province and three states. By some counts, if you poured out its water, it would flood the entire continents of North and South America to a depth of 30 centimetres. The shoreline of twists and turns that runs to about 2,780 kilometres offers stunning views and unsurpassed magnificence — not to mention stupendous motorcycling or driving territory for the enthusiast.

Everywhere there are surprises, some steeped in indigenous history that traces back as far as 10,000 years, such as the Ojibwa pictographs at Agawa Rock. There is the delight of Old Woman Bay, where river meets lake, or places whose very names are the lure: Rabbit Blanket Lake, Pinguisibi Falls or Kakabeka Falls,

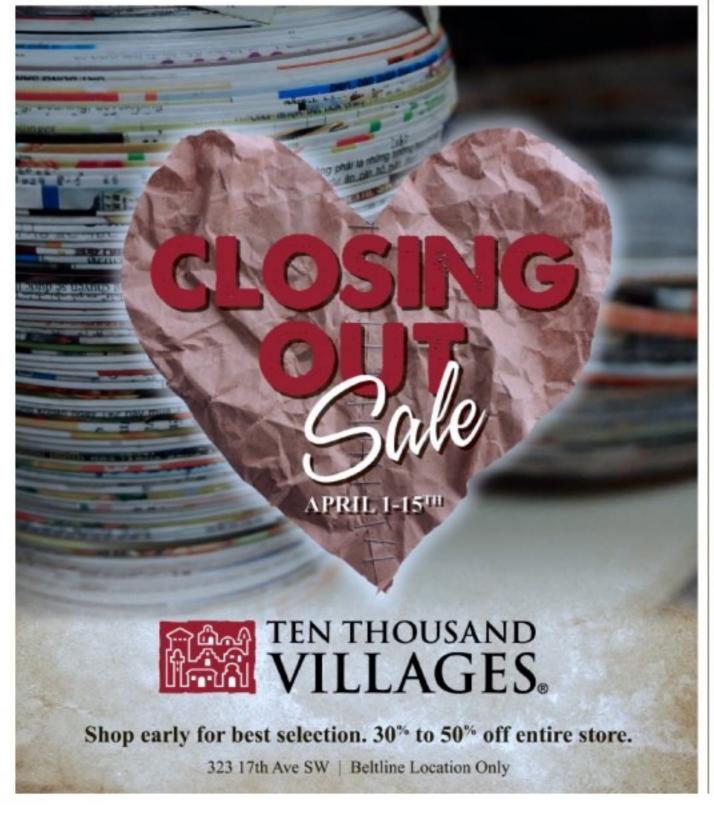


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nicknamed Niagara of the North.

Hunt or fish. Walk or cycle trails. Camp out in well-equipped provincial or federal parks, or stop at hotels, motels, inns or lodges along the way. But mostly, says Bevilacqua, talk to locals for their advice on what secret treasures their communities offer.

"There's lots of little hidden gems," says Bevilacqua, whose Superior Country not-for-profit puts out a Circle Tour guide full of ideas. This year, Superior Country has revived a "passport" program for both lake and auto travellers. Visitors can collect stamps along the way and, ultimately, a certificate of completion if they get all the way around.



ANNIVERSARY

## Minneapolis-area Prince pilgrimage

Prince's hometown of Minneapolis offers many places where fans can pay homage on the anniversary of his death, from his favourite record store to the humble house used in his Oscarwinning Purple Rain film.

Paisley Park, his massive, gleaming white studio and performance complex, was turned into a museum soon after his death. A "celebration" planned there for April 20-23 with panel discussions, concerts and tours is mostly sold out. But there's plenty more to see.

#### **Paisley Park**

Aa must, even if it's just a driveby to see the sprawling place rise up from the flatlands in Chanhassen, an easy drive from downtown Minneapolis. Guided tours include rooms where Prince created some of his biggest hits. The museum is a work in progress, with a recently added room displaying costumes and other artifacts from his Lovesexy album and tour. Much has been made of Prince's Paisley Park-shaped urn. It was moved from the main atrium at the family's request to a frosted high-walled fixture above a little kitchen where he sometimes watched TV.

#### **Electric Fetus**

Prince frequented the Electric Fetus record store. He visited just days before he died on Record



At Chanhassen Cinema, 570 Market St., is a huge purple portrait of Prince by muralist Graham Hoete. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Store Day. The store opened in 1968, but it remains an indie mecca for audiophiles and drew grieving fans when Prince died.

#### First Avenue & 7th St. Entry

This downtown club in a former Greyhound bus depot remains a mecca for Prince fans and an indie rock hot spot. There are guided tours. A separate entrance and fee gets you inside the club where Prince played several times, including his first time in 1981 when it was called Sam's and in 1983 when he unveiled a longer version of his ballad Purple Rain.

#### **Purple Rain house**

Prince's famous Purple House

residence in the woods of Lake Riley in Chanhassen was bulldozed more than a decade ago, but the simple Purple Rain home used in the movie stands, empty and a bit worse for wear.

Head to 3420 Snelling Ave. in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighbourhood for a look at the outside. Prince never lived here but his character The Kid came of age within its walls in the 1984 film. Some purple flowers were tucked into the mailbox on a recent visit.

Other Prince-related houses are around, as are old schools, studios where he recorded and other hangouts. The city's visitor's bureau has compiled a map. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## **SPOTS TO WINE AND DINE ON CALIFORNIA'S COAST**

Local seafood, farm-fresh produce, award-wining wine and delicious craft beer — it's all here. There are thousands of places to drink and dine at along California's Central Coast. Here are a few that left an impression. Daniel OTIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



### Carmel-by-the-Sea

Cultura Comida y Bebida (culturacarmel.com) is one of the newest restaurants in this sleepy, seaside town. Offering an artistic tapas-style twist on Mexican classics in a small and swanky space, must-tries include the "Cultura Mole," which is crammed full of smoked pork and hunks of orange, and the Monterey Red Abalone "Relleno Style," which is delicately cooked in butter, garlic and dried chili. If you love wine, the Carmel Wine Walk by-the-Sea offers a wine-tasting passport that gets you flights in nine different tasting rooms. You can order yours online or pick one up at Carmel-by-the-Sea's visitor centre.



### 🙆 Los Agaves in Santa Barbara

Don't let the thronged takeout counter or sparse and homely decor turn you away — this restaurant is so good it deserves its own mention. Cooking up Mexican fare with local ingredients, Los Agaves (los-agaves.com) is known for dishes like its delectably gooey Queso Fundido appetizer, fresh fish and shrimp-filled Agaves Enchiladas and simply sweet flan for dessert. Even the creamy housemade mango dressing that comes with its side salad is delicious. With two locations in Santa Barbara and one in nearby Goleta, you have no excuse to skip this understated gem.



### San Luis Obispo

SLO Brew (slobrew.com) is a massive brewpub with a menu that leans on savoury appetizers, hulking salads, big burgers and pizzas topped with greens. It also has nearly a dozen homemade beers on tap and it regularly hosts live bands. If you're more of a cocktail person, Sidecar Cocktail Co. (sidecarcocktail.company) has an impressive and inventive menu. Try the "Bartender Roulette" option, where you can get a custom cocktail after telling your server about your tastes. If you need to pick up lunch or snacks for the road, SLO Provisions (sloprovisions.com) specializes in salads, sandwiches and baked treats.



### 🙆 Santa Barbara's Funk Zone

There is no shortage of places to wine and dine in delightful Santa Barbara. Chock full of watering holes and eateries, the city's walkable Funk Zone (funkzone.net) arts and culture district is a great place to start. Decorated with a mosaic of shiny pennies, the Funk Zone's aptly-named Lucky Penny (luckypennysb.com) makes a mean wood-fired pizza (I recommend the arugula-topped "Ode to Dan Russo.") Also sip the region's famous wines at the Santa Barbara Wine Collective (santabarbarawinecollective.com) or have a few pints of delicious craft beer in Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co.'s (figmtnbrew.com) busy taproom.

#### Oxnard and the Channel Islands

You'll need to bring something to eat on your trip to the isolated Channel Islands National Park, Channel Islands Provisioners (cip.bz) can pack you a custom lunch bag that can include everything from gourmet sandwiches made with locally caught fish to intricate salads, homemade pastries and organic trail mix in reusable containers. Once you're back ashore from your island jaunt, a short walk will take you to the Waterside Restaurant and Wine Bar (thewatersiderestaurantandwinebar.com), which dishes up seafood and meats on a patio that overlooks a marina.



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### **6** Moss Landing and Castroville

When I arrived in tiny Moss Landing, everyone I met told me I had to eat at Phil's Fish Market (philsfishmarket.com), a beachfront family business that has been around for more than three decades. I tried its speciality, Cioppino: a massive tomato-based stew crammed full of crab, fish, scallops, squid, mussels, clams and shrimp. A short drive away in Castroville, a town that calls itself the "Artichoke Center of the Word," it's worth stopping at The Choke Coach (facebook.com/TheChokeCoach), an artichoke-themed food truck parked at Pezzini Farms (pezzinifarms.com). I recommend the French fried artichokes with its yummy garlic Dijon dip.

Daniel Otis was hosted by the Central Coast Tourism Council, which did not review or approve this story.



# Our bagels are better

New York vs. Montreal? Actually, it's not even close

Sean Plummer

It is a question that has long been debated and whose answer is entirely subjective. Or is it? Which is better: New York or Montreal-style

The two differ in texture,

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taste and size. Montreal bagels are smaller, tender inside and crispy on the outside. They also tend to be sweeter thanks to be being boiled in honey water before they're baked in wood-burning ovens.

New York bagels are made from salt and malt, and are baked in standard ovens.

The debate brings out a lot of passion on both sides. David Heti, in a story he wrote for Vice in 2015, made the point that no one in Montreal covets New York bagels, though Montreal-style bagels have a dedicated following in Manhattan.



Montreal bagels are small, sweet and tender inside with a crispy surface. ISTOCK

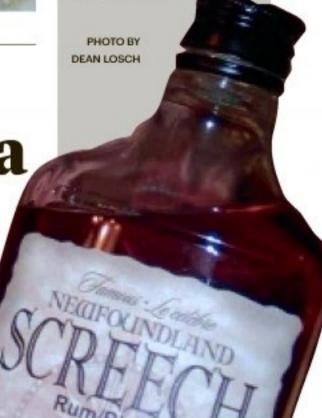
## Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum There's a reason they served screech rum

cocktails at the recent Broadway opening-night party for hit musical Come From Away.

Screech is a staple of Newfoundland and Labrador, sold throughout Canada and parts of the U.S.

It is also the titular tipple at a screech-in, a raucous ceremony where those "from away" are made honourary Newfoundlanders by kissing a cod (literally) and washing it away with a shot of screech.

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Kevin Durant is scheduled to play in Saturday's home game against New Orleans if he experiences no setbacks to his left knee in practice

# Finn-ishing touch Hoffman enjoying four-stroke lead

HOCKEY

## Canada ousts Finland, eyes gold against archrival U.S.

World championships scarce lately for the Canadian women's hockey team, they're getting another chance to end their drought.

Friday's final against the United States marks the 18th time in 18 championships the archrivals have clashed for gold.

Winner of three in a row, the American women intend to have their storybook ending on home ice with a fourth.

Canada has won 10 times and the U.S. seven. The Americans have beaten Canada in six of the last seven, including last year's 1-0 overtime victory in Kamloops, B.C.

Canada hasn't claimed gold since 2012 in Burlington, Vt. Over a third of the current team hasn't experienced victory in a world final.

"It's hard to put into words, but we really want it," forward Brianne Jenner said. "It would mean a lot to a lot of us here."

Canada blanked Finland 4-0 and the United States shut out surprise semifinalist Germany 11-0 on Thursday to advance.

The Canadians edged the Americans 3-2 in an overtime thriller to win Olympic gold in 2014.

But the U.S. women running the table of world titles heading into 2018 is not a comfort-



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able prospect for the Canadian women.

"We're on a mission right now," Canadian captain Marie-Philip Poulin said. "We want to bring it back home."

Poulin scored a goal and an assisted on another in the span of two and a half minutes to put Canada up 3-0 after two periods Thursday.

Sarah Potomak, Emily Clark and Rebecca Johnston scored

their second goals of the tournament. Shannon Szabados earned her second shutout with

Noora Raty stopped 31 of 35 shots for Finland, which beat Canada for the first time ever 4-3 in the preliminary round.

The Canadians were quicker to, and harder on, the puck Thursday than they'd been five days earlier.

"Even from before the drop of the puck, our girls were ready to go and ignited," head coach Laura Schuler said.

"I think today's game was important in our habit and our details and that's what we're going to have to bring tomorrow."

Canada will have a few more

hours of recovery having played the afternoon semifinal, but the U.S. didn't overtax themselves thumping Germany.

The Finns, who beat Sweden 4-0 in Tuesday's quarter-final to gain a rematch with Canada, lacked the ferocity and sharpness of their preliminary-round victory.

The Finns were scoreless on six power-play chances, while Canada went 1-for-4.

The Finns and Germans will play for bronze Friday prior to the championship game at USA Hockey Arena.

Russia, last year's bronze medallists, edged Sweden 4-3 in a shootout to finish fifth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the toughest opening round at the Masters in 10 years, it all felt so easy to Charley Hoffman.

For the better part of three hours, in a ferocious wind that made the Georgia pines creak, he had the right yardage for the perfect club to hit every shot he wanted. And then he made the putts, so many that it felt as though he never missed.

Hoffman made seven birdies over his last 11 holes for a 7-under 65.

It was 10 shots better than the average score Thursday at Augusta National. His four-shot lead over William McGirt was the largest for the opening round at the Masters in 62 years.

"For lack of any better words," Hoffman said, "it was a dream."

It was even more surreal for Dustin Johnson. He didn't even get to play.

Johnson, No. 1 in the world

Charley Hoffman, left, and **Dustin Johnson GETTY IMAGES** 

and playing the best golf of his life, was a few minutes away from his tee time when his head overruled his heart. He left the practice green and took a sharp turn away from the first tee toward the clubhouse to withdraw because of a freak injury to his lower back.

Johnson was still trying to digest the last 24 hours. He was in his rental home Wednesday afternoon when he slipped on the hardwood steps and crashed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



#### Brazil the new No. 1 in FIFA's latest rankings

Brazil has taken over at the top of the FIFA rankings for the first time since 2010.

After losing Lionel Messi to a four-match ban, Argentina lost 2-0 at Bolivia last week and dropped to No. 2.

World Cup winner Germany is still No. 3, followed by Chile and Colombia.

Canada climbed eight positions to No. 109. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Convicted killer or Jordan's father seeks new trial

A man convicted of killing basketball star Michael Jordan's father more than 20 years ago in North Carolina is seeking a new trial, citing juror and law enforcement misconduct.

Media outlets report a judge heard arguments in the case of 42-year-old Daniel Andre Green, who's serving a life sentence for the killing of James Jordan in Lumberton in 1993.

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Playoff hockey returns to Ottawa after the Sens' win in Boston Thursday night. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

# Sens back in with win

## **Ottawa locks** up playoff spot with win in Beantown

Craig Anderson stopped 28 shots in regulation and overtime and three more in the shootout Thursday night to help the Ottawa Senators beat Boston 2-1, clinching a spot in the playoffs while snapping the Bruins' six-game winning streak.

The Senators also pulled ahead of the Bruins in the Atlantic Division standings.

Kyle Turris scored the only goal in the shootout. Anderson stopped Drew Stafford, who scored Boston's only regulation goal, and Ryan Spooner before straddling the goalpost to turn away David Pastrnak's attempt at the end.

Tuukka Rask stopped 25 shots for Boston, which went 0-4 against Ottawa this season. The Senators had never swept the Bruins in a season series.

Ottawa, which got a goal in the second from Alexandre Burrows, now has 96 points to 95 for Boston after entering the night tied. The Senators still have two games remain-

### COMORE HOCKEY

#### Islanders 3, Hurricanes 0

Jaroslav Halak stopped 29 shots and the New York their fourth straight win to keep their long-shot playoff hopes alive.

#### Lightning 4, Leafs 1

Toronto couldn't secure its first trip to the postseason in four years on Thursday night, losing to Tampa Bay which is also vying for the Eastern Conference's final spot.

#### Jets 5, Blue Jackets 4



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Jacob Trouba scored twice and Eric Comrie had 35 saves in his NHL debut as Winnipeg handed Columbus its fifth straight loss. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



coverage of Thursday's Flames game in L.A.

ing - one more than the Bruins - and also have the head-to-head tiebreaker but not the most important one: regulation and overtime wins.. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Morales makes early mark with Blue Jays

Kendrys Morales hit his fourth career grand slam, Marcus Stroman pitched 6-1/3 effective innings and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-2 on Thursday night.

Morales homered off Blake Snell (0-1) in the third. Stroman (1-0), the MVP of last month's World Baseball Classic, allowed one run and six hits in his 2017 debut.

#### THURSDAY In Florida





Snell gave up five runs and four hits in 6-2/3 innings. The lefty struck out five and walked five. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### IN BRIEF

#### Tebow tees off in debut

Of course he did.

Tim Tebow hit a home run in his first official at-bat as a Mets minor leaguer, a charmed start Thursday night for a popular yet polarizing athlete.

The former NFL QB connected for a two-run drive Thursday night for the Columbia Fireflies in a Class A South Atlantic League game against Augusta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Canada's Gushue first seed in playoffs after beating Italy

Canada's Brad Gushue locked up the first seed at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship on Thursday with a 9-2 victory over Italy's Joel Retornaz.

Gushue (10-0) scored a pair in the second end and put the game out of reach with five points in the fourth. The teams shook hands after the minimum six ends were played. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### MAKE IT TONIGHT

## Sweet Ginger Apple Skillet Crumble



#### Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

If there's a homier dessert than a crumble, we haven't found it. This apple and ginger combo is a winner on a Friday night.

#### Ready in 50 minutes

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 45 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 5 Tbsp cold-pressed coconut oil, melted
- 4 honey crisp apples, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 cup spelt flour 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/2 cup quick cook oats
- 1 Tbsp flax meal
- 1/2 tsp salt pinch of nutmeg

#### Directions

- Preheat the oven to 350.
- 2. Melt coconut oil in a 10-inch oven-safe skillet, a minute or two. Remove skillet from oven and swirl oil around to coat the pan, then pour off the oil into a glass container: set aside to cool a bit.
- 3. Place apples in the warm skillet and stir in lemon juice, flour, sugar, cinnamon and ginger.
- 4. For topping, combine flour, oats, flax meal, salt and nutmeg in a bowl. Pour in warm coconut oil and, using your hands, work it through the oat mixture until it has small clumps. Take handfuls of the oat mixture and sprinkle across the apples in an even layer, lightly pat it down. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are bubbling and fork tender.

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63. Languish

### \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 You feel boisterous and "large" today. You want to do everything in a big way! And yes, you feel confident and happy as well. Whoopee!

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Today you feel quietly confident and content with yourself. Success at your job is starting to show, and you know that despite recent obstacles, you can pull this off.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 You feel popular today - and indeed, you are. People are attracted to your positive attitude and exuberance. Naturally, it's because enthusiasm is contagious!

Cancer June 22 - July 23 This is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs, because everyone is in a positive and winning frame of mind. That makes them see you in a good light. Go for it!

 Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 You are entertaining big travel ideas today, because you feel the need to get away from all this. You want to go somewhere where life is big and you're thrilled to be there. Do it.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You are confident when negotiaing wills, inheritances or anything regarding shared property. You won't sell yourself short, and you also will be fair with others

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Relationships with partners and close friends are uplifting and fun-filled today. This is a great day to enjoy schmoozing with others, because you're in a good mood. It's just that simple.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You can accomplish a lot at work today simply because you know you can. Confidence in doing something is the bottom line to making it happen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 This is a wonderful, playful and creative day! Social excursions, sporting events and fun activities with children will be successful. A romantic date will be memorable.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Relationships with family members are positive today, because people are in a good mood. People feel warm and friendly toward each other. This is an excellent day for family discussions.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Your positive attitude will guarantee success in everything you do today. It's a strong day for writers, actors, teachers and anyone in sales and marketing. Yahoo!

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Feb. 20 - March 20 Business and commerce are favored today. "There's money in them thar Hills!"

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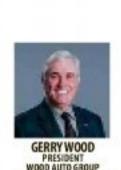
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